

## Six Traits Of A Great Leader

### THE PASSAGE

Exodus 18:1-2 (See also Numbers 11:14-17 & Deuteronomy 1:7-14)

### SIX TRAITS OF A GREAT LEADER

*Whether In Ministry, The Marketplace Or At Home*

**(1) Great leaders are TEACHABLE**

Exodus 18:24 Proverbs 12:15 Proverbs 19:20

**(2) Great leaders EQUIP and EMPOWER others**

Exodus 18:19-26 2 Timothy 2:2 Ephesians 4:11-13 1 Peter 2:9 1 Corinthians 1:11-17

**(3) Great leaders don't ignore their FAMILY**

Exodus 18:5-6 1 Timothy 5:8 1 Timothy 3:4-5

**(4) Great leaders know how to SET BOUNDARIES**

Exodus 18:22 Acts 6:1-4 Mark 1:32-38

**(5) Great leaders know that BURN OUT is not a badge of HONOR**

Exodus 18:17-18 (Numbers 11:14-17 & Deuteronomy 1:7-14) 1 Kings 19:18  
Matthew 11:28-30 Revelation 12:10 Proverbs 21:30-31

**(6) Great leaders know that CHARACTER  
is far more important than GIFTEDNESS**

Exodus 18: 21 1 Timothy 3:1-13 & Titus 1:5-9

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 3, 2016

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## Welcome to the Spring Quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Spring Growth Group Quarter. Your first meeting will most likely include a potluck dinner, time to get acquainted with any new members, as well as time to discuss the Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish each of these.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and see God change our lives from the inside out!

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### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Easter and Spring Break often bring about a number of family and friend traditions. Growing up, did your family have anything they always did on Easter Weekend and/or Spring Break? If so, explain.
2. Most of us have two or three leaders we respect and admire, whether it's a boss, teacher, coach, co-worker or friend. What are one or two character qualities that stand out to you about them?
3. Looking back at this week's teaching, which one of the "Six Traits Of A Great Leader" caught your attention the most and why?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. All of us would want to be known as being confident in what we do and how we live life. It would also be safe to say that none of us would want to be known as arrogant, stubborn and unwilling to change when needed. This is why this weekend's statement that "great leaders are teachable" is so important, not just in leadership but also in our personal lives. How might the following verses help each of us evaluate if we have a "teachable" spirit?

#### **Proverbs 12:1** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,  
but whoever hates correction is stupid.

#### **Proverbs 28:13** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>13</sup> Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,  
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

#### **James 1:19** *New International Version (NIV)*

##### *Listening and Doing*

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

#### **2 Timothy 2:15** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Is there one of these you need to pay more attention to than the others?

**2.** As we heard this weekend, a key part of knowing how to set boundaries and avoid burnout is not only knowing what to say no to, but also evaluating if you're saying yes to the right things. How would the following verses help you know what you should start or stop doing to live as God as called us to?

**Luke 10:27** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>27</sup> He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

**Matthew 28:19-20** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Colossians 3:23** *New International Version (NIV)*

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

What might be some challenges in knowing how to have healthy boundaries and avoid burnout while putting these verses into action?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

**1.** Looking back at the "Six Traits Of A Great Leader" from this weekend's teaching, is there one you'd especially like to focus on and have prayer for this quarter?

**2.** As we begin a new Growth Group quarter, what are one or two things that you're looking forward to?

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## **THE PURPOSE OF GROWTH GROUPS**

Growth Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful Christian relationships and the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25). Here's how it will happen:

### **SHARE**

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions" but after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

### **STUDY**

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life.

### **SUPPORT**

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

**SERVE**

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16). Throughout the quarter, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways God has designed you to serve and make a difference in God's Kingdom.

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