

Transferable Principles For Leadership



What are they?

"Transferable Principles For Leadership" is a series of studies involving Biblical principles for leading people. Although the series emphasizes the leading of people spiritually, these principles are universal -- applying to leadership in all facets of life.

The 8 divisions include:

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What's Transferable About Them?

These concepts can be shared and reshared as you have the opportunity. You will be able to use these studies to train others in these important principles of leadership!

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- Principle 1: Motivation-



The Principle Presented

The realm of leadership spends much of its time in the area of motivating others to accomplish tasks they might not necessarily at first desire to do. Although the objective of motivating others is lofty, the means of reaching that end oftentimes are on varying level of Biblical accuracy. This study deals with proper motivations in the Christian life.

From the following verses, determine what motivated the Apostle Paul in his work:

1. Romans 1:14,15 _____

2. I Corinthians 4:1,2 _____

3. II Corinthians 5:11 _____

4. II Corinthians 5:10 _____

5. II Corinthians 5:14,15 _____

Notice that no one of these motivations indicates that the Apostle Paul worked for "fear of losing his salvation" or "fear of losing God's love" or even because "God says he had to!"

In comparing and contrasting the following two verses, the principle of God's grace is clearly seen.

What differences do you see in these two verses?

1. Exodus 19:5,6 _____

2. I Peter 2:9 _____

The fact of God's grace rests upon three crucial foundations of Scripture:

1. Colossians 2:13 _____

2. Romans 3:21,22 _____

3. Romans 8:1, 31-39 _____

Based on what you've seen so far, list some of the things that God says a Christian has to do:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

The principle of God's grace clearly stated is: _____

Some obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

I find that in my own life, the greatest obstacles to applying this principle are:

Some insights from God's Word that could contribute to the process of God removing these obstacles include:

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- Principle 2: Authenticity-



The Principle Presented

One of the major responsibilities of the leader is to be a model/example of the Christian in action!

Consider Philippians 4:9 where the Apostle Paul says:

"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things: and the God of peace shall be with you."

Yet. . . the Christian leader is not perfect. . . continuing to sin daily and struggling with problems. How do we resolve this apparent contradiction? How can the Christian leader express weakness without losing the confidence of the people s/he desires to lead?

Why or why not should a Christian leader admit failure and struggles?

This principle of authenticity is based on four important Biblical concepts:

1. I Corinthians 2:4,5 _____

2. I Corinthians 12:28-31 _____

3. II Corinthians 1:3-5,8,9 _____

4. II Corinthians 4:7 _____

The principle of authenticity clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

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- Principle 3: Accountability-



The Principle Presented

"People do not do what we expect as much as what we inspect."

The Bible indicates that this is a basic component of human nature (Romans 7:18; Matthew 26:41). We all have a tendency to put off that which is not of immediate importance. This is true in the spiritual as well as in the secular. We all have a tendency to reach inertia without some outside stimulus encouraging our action.

In what areas do you most clearly see this negative aspect of human nature at work in your own life?

This principle of accountability is seen in at least three passages of Scripture:

1. Galatians 6:2 _____

2. James 5:16 _____

3. Hebrews 10:24-25 _____

The principle of accountability clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

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- Principle 4: Servitude -



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In Matthew 20:25-28, Jesus sets down a foundational principle for leadership in the Christian understanding of the term. How would you summarize what He is trying to say?

Then in I Peter 5:1-5, the same subject is examined from a slightly different perspective. What does this passage add to your understanding?

How would you compare and contrast the leadership style of a person who was a "lord" over the people s/he led as opposed to someone who comes within the guidelines of I Peter 5:1-5? How would s/he act?

The principle of servitude clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

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- Principle 5: Faith-



The Principle Presented

What are some characteristics of the pessimist?

What are some characteristics of the optimist?

Was Jesus an optimist or a pessimist? Why?

Is Jonathan in I Samuel 14:1-15 an optimist or a pessimist? Why?

The principle of faith clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

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- Principle 6: Excellence -



The Principle Presented

What can you learn about excellence in the following verses?

1. Psalm 8:1 _____

2. Genesis 1:12,18,21,25,31 _____

3. Mark 7:37 _____

What does Ephesians 6:5-7 have to say to us about excellence in all that we do?

What does Ephesians 6:5-7 have to say to us about avoiding unhealthy perfectionism in all that we do (i.e. Psalm 103:10-14)?

What does Matthew 25:14-30 add to our understanding of excellence in the light of the fact that not all of the slaves accomplished the same results (i.e. verses 21 and 23)?

The principle of excellence clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

I find that in my own life, the greatest obstacles to applying this principle are:

Some insights from God's Word that could contribute to the process of God removing these obstacles include:

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- Principle 7: Goals -



The Principle Presented

What can you learn about God's view of goal setting in the following verses?

James 4:13-16 _____

Jesus knew where He was going and consequently knew when He arrived (John 17:4). Before He left, Jesus set goals for us (Matthew 28:19,20). God continued to share His goals for us after Jesus left us (Romans 8:29).

"From observation it has been estimated that only 3% of all people have goals and plans and write them down. 10% more have goals and plans and keep them in their heads. The rest (87%) drift through life without definite goals or plans.

They do not know where they are going and other dictate to them. Further study shows that those 3% who have written down their goals and plans achieve 50-100% more in their lifetime than those 10% who have goals and plans merely kept in their heads."

Success: The Glenn Bland Method by Glenn Bland (Tyndale House Publishers, page 44)

Some Steps To Goal Setting

1. Write a description of the final product.

What do you want yourself to be like? What do you want that class to be like? Write a description of the final product as you visualize it. Seek to include as many different areas of the project as you can (i.e. Financial, Spiritual, Educational, etc.)

2. List the needs or obstacles that hinder.

What is standing between the picture as it is now and the one that you just wrote about? List all of the obstacles that you can see.

3. Number the obstacles according to priority.

Out of the list of obstacles which is the most important/foundational? The second? The third?

In doing this, seek to determine what needs are really roots of other needs. Are there any needs that when once removed would remove other needs too?

4. Choose your top three priority obstacles on which to concentrate for now.

You can't handle all the obstacles at once. At least begin with the most important ones.

5. Write goals for each priority chosen.

Ask yourself this question "Where might God want me to be in relation to each of these priority areas one year from today?"

Then write a statement indicating where you believe God might want you. This becomes your goal!

After writing a statement in each priority area chosen, please check the statement(s) against the following goal checklist.

*Is it a direct response to a genuine need or obstacle?

*Is it challenging -- requiring new faith?

*Is it realistic and attainable?

*Does it provide a clear image of what the situation could be?

*Is it measurable so we'll know when it has been accomplished?

*Does it have a date for completion?

*Does it describe what I really believe God might want done?

6. Choose your method(s) for accomplishing each goal.

For each goal first list all the possible methods of reaching it. Then choose the best method for you in reaching each one.

7. Evaluate periodically.

At given intervals (possibly quarterly) evaluate progress on reaching each goal and adjust the activity and/or goal according to what you see God doing in relation to that goal.

The principle of goal setting clearly stated is: _____

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

I find that in my own life, the greatest obstacles to applying this principle are:

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- Principle 8: Time Management -



The Principle Presented

As one examines the life of Jesus, one has to be impressed with its productivity.

One has to be impressed with its unhurried quality. Jesus knew how to best use time for maximum productivity.

What can we learn from Him in the following verses?

1. Psalm 90:12; II Peter 3:8 _____

2. John 17:4; II Timothy 4:7-8 _____

3. John 7:6; 12:23,27; 13:1; 17:1 _____

4. Mark 1:35 _____

Click [HERE](#) to download and print a Daily Planning Worksheet that can help you get started. It is

suggested that you fill it out the night before each day -- prioritizing each item on the list.

The principle of time management clearly stated is:

Some benefits and obstacles to the application of this principle:

Benefits I would gain from having this principle in my life include:

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Daily Planning Sheet

Date: _____

Letters/Emails To Write

Items To Be Obtained

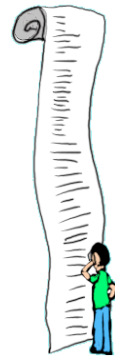
People To See

Phone Calls To Make

Things To Be Done

Appointments

Things To Be Planned



Use the small blank to list the priority of each activity and begin your day with #1.