



Sermon #4 – Vintage Values: Lessons on Lasting Leadership

Acts 20:17-21, 27-32

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Discuss Sermon

What we do on some great occasion will probably depend on what we already are: and what we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline.

– H.P. Liddon

When most folks hear the term leader, they think of presidents, pastors, teachers, and CEOs. But very few think of themselves. And yet, it's true. You are a leader. As a Christian, you are an influencer for Christ, an ambassador for the Lord, and a change-agent for the gospel of God's grace. Yet Biblical leadership does not come naturally to most people, actually it takes a commitment to service, sacrifice, and humility. All of these virtues and much more require you to daily prepare yourself to Biblically lead others.

- What are three ways that you can prepare yourself to Biblically lead others?

- What lessons do you want to teach others with your words and your walk?

Exchange Views

2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) – And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also...

Biblical leadership is needed in our culture now more than ever before. We need this type of leadership in the home, the church, the community, and throughout the country. Sadly, today

our society is settling for immoral leaders that are lively and charismatic in character but fail in the area of basic morality and Biblical living. When it comes to choosing heroes, many people today often choose style rather than substance in the area of integrity and honor.

- What are three characteristics of a Biblical leader that are needed among leaders today?
- Identify one or more Biblical leaders that serve as an example today. What have you learned from these leaders?

Examine Text – Acts 20:17-21, 27-32

Read the main text from the sermon and reflect on the key words, phrases, and lessons that God is teaching us.

- What are the key lessons that you learn from this text?
- What lessons of leadership do we learn that still apply in the local church today?

Personalize Truth

Today's message taught us four lessons that the Apostle Paul often used to train up young leaders. These lessons are known as the "L.E.A.D. Project."

How can you apply these lessons in your own life as you train up others?

- **Lesson #1 – Look and Listen** for the Work, the Word, and the Will of the Lord
- **Lesson #2 – Equip and Educate:** Arm Others With Discernment and Desire
- **Lesson #3 – Affirm and Align:** Help Others Connect with their Calling
- **Lesson #4 – Delegate and Direct:** Help Others Discover How to use their Talent for God's Glory

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