

Godly Leadership Is Needed



Isaiah 6:1-8

- The world is in the need of change now!
 - No nation, organization, church or family can prosper without good godly leadership.
 - The most critical problem facing the church today is the godly leadership vacuum that grew during the Twentieth Century.
 - We have forgotten why we are here (Matt. 20:26).
 - Where do we go to find good godly leaders?
 - Purpose: to look in the Word of God and discover principles that will help us to develop good godly leaders.
 - Goal: to wake up the leader in all of us and to develop leadership skills so that we will be fruitful in the kingdom's assignments.
 - Leader: a person who knows his/her gifting and is utilizing those gifts to strengthen or serve others.
 - Leadership – influence
- Isaiah 6 illustrates how God calls many leaders.
 1. Opportunity (v. 1) – we see a specific place where we can make a difference.
 2. Ability (v. 6-7) – we recognize that we have the God-given gifts to do something about the need.
 3. Desire (v. 8) – we want to step out and address the need, our hunger pushes us.

The Divine Call

1 Pet. 2:9-10

- There are many leaders over the years that entered into different levels of ministry without a divine call from God.
- Statements About the Call of a Godly Leader
 1. A leader's sense of call provides divine energy.
 2. God prepares leaders in a crock-pot not a microwave oven.
 3. Leadership requires sacrifices.

- There are two primary calls by God to man.
 - 1. The universal call is for all men to be saved (John 3:16-17; Luke 19:10).
 - 2. The second call after salvation is to serve in His body (1 Cor. 12:18).
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- Every member of the body of Christ has a ministry and a responsibility.
 - Ministry – to be a servant and to serve in a menial task (Col. 4:17; 2 Cor. 5:18; Rom. 12:7).
 - Minister – refers to Christian activity and function not merely a name, position, or title.
 - Minister in the early church was used as a verb not a noun, an action word.
 - The concept of a minister with a ministry applied to anyone who performed normal Christian functions.
 - Every believer receives a specific call from the Lord for ministry.
 - Every member of the body has a unique calling, but each is called in a unique way.
 - The call of governmental is balanced by the call to congregational ministries.
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1. Governmental ministries are given divine authority to rule the body of Christ through the office invested in them and to equip the body (Eph. 4:11).