

The Preparation of a Leader



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- **Review – “Godly Leadership Is Needed – Isaiah 6:1-8**
 - **The most critical problem facing the church today is the lack of godly leadership.**
 - **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**
 - **After salvation, 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.**
 - **Minister - refers to Christian activity and function not merely a name, position, or title.**
- **There are two areas that we are called:**
 - 1. Governmental – To govern the body (Eph. 4:11).**
 - 2. Congregational - given for each believer to function in the body.**
 - A. To function in this office a person must understand his gift, position of responsibility and his limitations.**
 - B. The majority of the body of Christ function in these ministries.**

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- **Every leader whom God uses in any capacity must first be prepared to function in that capacity.**
 - **“Many are called but few are chosen” (Matt. 20:16) - suitable.**
- **The Leader’s Season of Preparation:**
 - 1. The first call is to salvation.**
 - 2. The leader is called either to governmental or congregational ministry.**

3. The next is the leader's preparation season.
4. The last season is the leader's function.
 - Every leader finds himself at some point in this process.

Five Points About Preparation

Isaiah 49:1-3

1. "The Lord called me from the womb." A sense of destiny.
2. "He makes my mouth like a sharp sword." This speaks of the Word ministry of a servant of the Lord.
3. "In the shadow of his hand hath he hid me." This speaks of the veiling of the servant of the Lord during his time of preparation.
 - During this time of training, the servant of the Lord is hidden from the eyes of the world.
4. "He also made me a polished shaft." Here the prophet brings forth a word picture of an arrow.
 - An arrow would have little value if it reached its mark, but a dull head rendered it unable to stick.
 - The word "polish" means to clarify, to examine, and to purge, so to brighten.
5. "In his quiver hath he hid me." The quiver comes to rest and enjoy a long wait until the chosen time that it goes forth.