

# NEWSLETTER

## The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter provides an update on some activities within the Spiritual Leadership Development (SLD) ministry along with some key dates to remember! A key ingredient required for true leadership is also highlighted.

Next month we will discuss another essential quality needed by leaders:

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## L2L

With another exceptional year I want to extend a special thanks to everyone involved in the Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) program! For the 1st Timers in L2L, if you have questions, please see Dee or Glenn.

The L2L online registration is now closed and we have a total of 213 adults and children registered to attend the L2L National Convention April 14-16 in Nashville! Also, hotel reservations have been finalized and the deadline for hotel fees has passed.

### Dates to Remember!

- ◆ PEARLS Test  
→ February 19th  
4:30 p.m.  
Room 224 (Bible Bowl Room)
- ◆ Bible Bowl Test  
→ February 19th  
10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
(Bible Bowl participants please attend the early morning worship service.)

## Mark Your Calendar!

### February 19th - Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, February 19th, at 5:30 p.m. those in the Daily Bible Reading (DBR) ministry will come together to read God's Word. We will read Mark 8 (Track 1) and Exodus 30-31 (Track 2). You don't have to be an official member of the DBR to join us as we read the Scriptures together! Everyone is welcome! We will meet in Room 124.

### February 24th-25th - Friday and Saturday

This is a reminder to the elders, deacons and ministers to attend the Ministry Summit 2006. We will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. on Friday night and from 8:00 a.m. - noon on Saturday morning. This year's theme for the Ministry Summit is "Going and Growing in Faith."

In keeping with our congregational theme for 2006 - Increase Our Faith - the Summit will be a time for us to challenge ourselves to take the opportunities before us.

### March 8th - Wednesday

With the beginning of the Spring Quarter I will teach a series of lessons on "How To Study the Bible" on Wednesday evenings in Room 123. Some of the topics in the study will include:

- ◆ The Content of the Bible
- ◆ Bible Translations and Versions
- ◆ God's Revelation
- ◆ How to Read the Various Literatures of the Bible
- ◆ Man's Interpretation
- ◆ Study Methods
- ◆ Study Tools
- ◆ The Use of Scripture

I'm looking forward to our study together - come join us!



This month PAGE 2 of the SLD Newsletter identifies a key ingredient to becoming a leader. For true spiritual leadership development we must have this key ingredient in our make-up or we will only deceive ourselves into thinking we can lead. This characteristic of leadership is vital for us to understand how we are identified as a leader and how we stay one.

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## True Leadership: A Key Ingredient

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NASV)

*What does it mean that God made man and woman in His image and His likeness? Not that we can fully comprehend the expressions, but the meaning of the text does include a special relationship between man and God. Let's look at four aspects of being made in the image of God.*

1) **The worth of man.** Man has an infinite worth and God's Word expresses the worth by stating man was made according to His likeness. The resemblance of man to God, in that man has God-like qualities, testifies to the worthiness of man. Also, human beings were made dominate over the animal kingdom and given a place of dominion. Man is not sovereign; God is; yet, God shares the custody and oversight of the world with mankind. This sharing of the dominion is by God's will, but allows a sense of royalty to man in this dominion over a part of nature.

What is man that You take thought of him,  
And the son of man that You care for Him?  
Yet You have made Him a little lower than God,  
Yet You crown him with glory and majesty!  
You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,

Psalm 8:4-6 (NASV)

2) **Man's relationship to God.** God communicates with man alone; no other creature in God's creation has this unique relationship. Human beings are creature-like and earthly, yet are given the ability to communicate with the Creator.

3) **Intellect.** Man is distinguished from other creatures by an intellect. God gave man the ability to gain instruction in His ways and to acquire a skill to provide for the necessities of life.

4) **Moral Capacities.** God has provided mankind with the capacity to make moral judgments, to possess value systems and to obtain belief systems. We have the ability to know right from wrong; discerning good and evil.

With the knowledge that we are made in the image of God comes a responsibility for those individuals in leadership positions to possess a key ingredient of a true leader. This key ingredient is directly related to our being made in His likeness.

Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. For there is no partiality with God.

Romans 2:1, 11 (NASV)

Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome with Him."

Acts 10:34-35 (NASV)

Since we are made in the image of God we must also be an individual who does not show partiality in our behavior to others just because of our view of their status; whether, physical, economical, social or educational. We are not to judge others (Mt 7:1), in that, we should not take an attitude of being judgmental into our lifestyle. We should take the God-like quality of being a non-respecter of men; knowing that every human is made in the image of God. By **being impartial** we can demonstrate this God-like quality in three ways.

1) **Respect God.** As our Creator we must respect God for He is the Creator and Sustainer of life itself. God has breathed the breath of life into man (Gen 2:7). We were made by God as was everything in the universe. The God we serve is great and is to be greatly praised (Ps 145:3).

2) **Respect Yourself.** Being made in the image of God demands we should have self-respect. In addition God has created us with certain God-like characteristics and we should respect those attributes by projecting a good-image in our behavior.

3) **Respect Others.** We cannot take the position that God has created "only me" in His likeness; for everyone else has been created in His image also. All mankind deserves the respect of possessing God-like attributes as oppressing the poor insults God (Prov 14:31). Moreover, we should use those qualities to take the "high road" in our interactions with others for God is compassionate, concerned and caring.

To be a true leader we must honor every person as being made in the image of God. Leaders do this by having a key ingredient as a central part of their leadership profile:



People "buy into" the leader, before they "buy into" his or her leadership.

John Maxwell

Developing the Leader Within You