

Spiritual Leadership Development

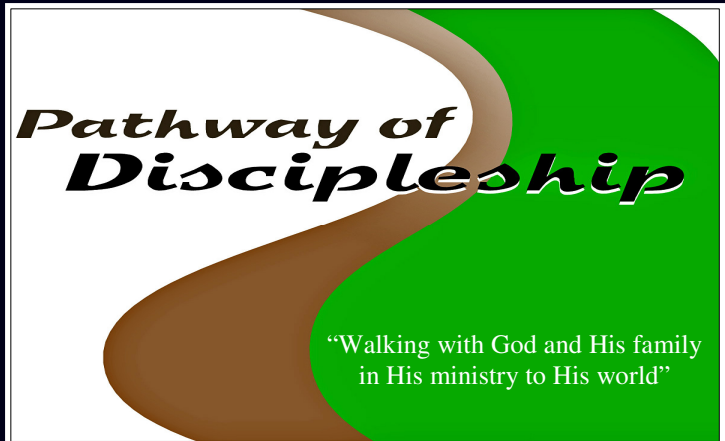
NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter

This month's SLD Newsletter reminds us to walk on the Pathway of Discipleship. Be on the pathway and submit to the will of God, build stronger relationships with brothers and sisters in Christ, be involved in ministries of the congregation and help others to find the Good News of Jesus Christ, who is Lord and Savior. Also, ladies mark your calendars! Another Women's Leadership Challenge begins in September!

Glenn

"... he who leads; with diligence ..."
Romans 12:8



"Walking with God . . .

*Love God
Matthew 22.37*

and His family . . .

*Build Relationships
Philippians 2.1-2*

in His ministry . . .

*Serve Others
Galatians 6.9-10*

to His world"

*Make Disciples
Matthew 28.18-20*

*Are you walking the
Pathway of Discipleship?*

The Challenge

10 Women
10 Weeks
10 Challenges

Women:

Mark your calendars! The next Women's Leadership Challenge will begin in September!

Women's Leadership Challenge
Tuesday Nights
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Begins September 8th
Ends November 10th
Room 123

Look for More Info in the August SLD Newsletter

*Sign-up Forms in South Hallway
Beginning July 29th*

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for the members
of the Germantown
church of Christ as
we lead by being
Christian servants.

A View of the Stages of Male Spiritual Leadership

Each generation of the Lord's church needs male spiritual leaders. Good spiritual leaders acquire knowledge and experience in leadership attributes and are willing to display leadership in a variety of circumstances. The characteristics of effective spiritual leadership can take years to acquire.

All congregations of the Lord's church need spiritual leadership within the congregation. The presence of elders, deacons, ministers, missionaries, teachers and servants in many other areas will always be needed. Men who desire leadership positions should realize the attributes of effective Christian leaders are acquired in stages. The development and demands of Christian leadership necessitates the proper actions at the proper time.

Build a Foundation

As a young man or new Christian the thought of leading others may be an exciting idea or a daunting task! Either way in order to be a leader requires the development of the attributes of a leader. How can these qualities be obtained?

1) Know what to build.

Build character based on great leadership qualities: integrity, kindness, humility, courage, fairness, compassion and other attributes which Christians would want to follow. Study God's word and take on qualities of an elder or deacon; many of these attributes apply to any Christian man. Men should be tested first; then placed into a leadership position. Start using the leadership characteristic as soon as possible.

2) Know where to build.

The place to build is in areas needed within the church. Get to know the church - the people, ministries and needs. Get involved in a ministry where you can use your skills!

3) Know how to build.

Always focus on God and others. At certain times find a coach, mentor or close friend who will give you direct and honest feedback.



An Example - Timothy

1 Timothy 4.11-16 know what to build
2 Timothy 4.1-5 know where to build
2 Timothy 3.14-17 know how to build

Take Action

Once a leadership foundation is built then experience takes hold to increase and mold the talents and skills. This stage can be the most demanding as time and again a leader is exposed to many varieties of difficult situations. What actions can be taken to ensure one is actually leading?

1) Man up.

As the male take the role of a male leader in specific circumstances. Love and honor your wife; discipline and instruct your children; care for all members of your physical and spiritual families; provide for the needy; and stand up for the oppressed.

2) Step out.

Tell others you are willing to help by use of your skills. Move to the front of the volunteer line. Be willing to take on a task to gain the experience whether a win, lose or draw results.

3) Own the issue.

When a problem arises, own the issue. For the good of the church use good judgment and compassion to be a part of the resolution rather than a part of the problem. Take responsibility and follow through on commitments.



An Example - Joshua

Joshua 1.1-9 man up
Joshua 5.13-15 step out
Joshua 24.15 own the issue

Influence the Future

Even after numerous years of active service as church leaders older men have a special avenue for the giving of their talents. These men hold vast spiritual leadership experience in a wide range of areas. How can a Christian spiritual leader be an influence on the future?

1) Show the way.

An experienced leader has maneuvered the obstacles and knows what does work and what doesn't work. His experience has mapped the way with successes and failures. Now advise younger men on the best way to take. Encourage them to take actions of leadership in their life.

2) Pass the baton.

One of the most influential elements is to place the younger men into situations which they gain experience. Allow them the leverage to experience the aspects of building a foundation and taking action as a leader.

3) Finish strong.

Be a positive factor in present and future leadership by continuing to be a leader and supporting others as they lead. By your conduct as a Christian leader demonstrate that God is the source of your leadership foundation, actions and influence!



An Example - Paul

1 Thessalonians 5.12-24 show the way
Titus 1.4-5 pass the baton
2 Timothy 4.6-8 finish strong

Read the life of Joseph in Genesis 37-50.

Take notes on how Joseph built a foundation, took action and influenced the future.