

God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

Session 9 – Leadership Prayers: Paul's Prayer for the Church at Colosse Colossians 1:1-18

1. For what things did Paul give thanks that he had heard about the church at Colosse?
Colossians 1:1-8

2. For what things are you thankful that you see in this congregation?

3. What did Paul ask God to give these brethren in this congregation? Colossians 1:9-11

4. How would you like to see God bless this church where you worship?

5. What about God and His blessings moved Paul to be thankful? Colossians 1:12-18

6. What are some blessings you have received and what do you see in God that stirs gratitude in your heart?

7. Select one or more in your group to lead as you thank God for whom (saints and faithful brethren) and for what (faith, love, hope) you observe in this church, as you ask God for spiritual blessings and attributes to be given to you and others, and as you thank God for Who He is and for what He has done.

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Session 9 – Leadership Projects

You are one of six elders in a congregation. The church is growing and some of the elders think it would be wise to employ a man to work full time in the educational work of the church. Much discussion follows. Four elders want to get an additional man on the staff for this purpose. Two of them do not think it would be best. This is a major decision. How should the eldership handle the problem?

1. What are at least three ways to deal with this?

2. What action will be taken?

3. Who will be responsible for seeing it carried out?

4. When will it be done?

5. How will we communicate this to the group we lead?

6. How will we answer questions about this issue?

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You are serving as an elder of a peaceful, happy growing congregation. The church seems pleased with its eldership. The members generally are cooperative and at work. This continues for several years. It is called to your attention that it has been several years since anyone has been added to the eldership. Other men in the congregation have grown spiritually and probably would be qualified. However, there is an element of risk involved. Would the congregation follow them? Would they work with the present eldership? Would they disrupt the unity the leadership has enjoyed for years? Incidentally, the present eldership is young enough to serve effectively for many years yet. Should others be added and the risks taken, or should the church continue without someone rocking the boat?

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Session 9 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. What are the two styles of leadership Jesus discusses in Matthew 20:25-28?

2. How do Gentiles lead?

3. How does Jesus encourage greatness in leadership?

4. How did Jesus become great in His leadership?

5. How do you see the Gentile style of leadership coming out in you – how do you intimidate those under your leadership?

6. How do you lead through service – what are your strong points of service?

7. How are you trying to decrease your Gentile leadership and increase your Jesus leadership?

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Session 9 – Leadership Mustard Seeds

1. What did you learn about God?

2. What did you learn about prayer?

3. What did you learn about group interaction?

4. What did you learn about leadership?

5. What did you learn about yourself?
