

God's Great Leaders – Servants, Slaves

Session 10 – Leadership Prayers: Prayers for Leaders

1. What kind of petitions are we to give to God for civil leaders? 1 Timothy 2:1

2. Why should we pray for civil leaders and what blessing should we request?
1 Timothy 2:2

3. What is the relationship between my family leadership and the effectiveness of my prayers? 1 Peter 3:7-12

4. What did Paul want included in prayers for him? Colossians 4:2-4

5. What petitions did Paul request in the prayer of the Thessalonians and what would he include in his prayers for them? 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

6. What prayers would you like to see answered for your leaders (government, family, church, business)?

7. What prayers would you like to see answered for you as a leader (of yourself and others)?

8. Ask one or more in your group to lead as you bring these petitions to God.

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Session 10 – Leadership Projects

You are an elder of a congregation and one of the members has a close friend visiting and requests that he be allowed to deliver a short talk to the Wednesday evening audience. The invitation is extended for the visitor to speak. He arises and in a smooth and interesting way makes a questionable point about some passage of Scripture. From that he draws the conclusion, and states in his talk, "It is time for the churches of Christ to build bridges instead of walls and establish fellowship with all 'denominations.' Who are we to say they are wrong? They are just as conscientious as we. No one is perfect. If we can go to heaven in our imperfections, so can they. After all, they are just as good as we are." When the speech is over, what would you do?

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 an elder of the church. One of your fellow elders loses interest in the work of the church to some noticeable degree. He allows minor things to keep him from elders' meetings and misses a lot of the discussions which determine eldership decisions. He shows a general lack of concern for spiritual things. The matter is progressive. How should the eldership handle the matter?

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You are an elder of a congregation which is planning on adding to its leadership. One man whose name has been prominently suggested for an elder (or a deacon) is a good moral man, an excellent Bible class teacher, and is well liked in the congregation. He has a strong influence on many of the members. As an elder you know that his giving leaves much to be desired. In fact, it evidences covetousness. Indications are that he gives only a small per cent of what he ought to. You cannot reveal that information to the congregation because it is confidential. How would you like to see the eldership handle the matter?

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You are an elder of the church. One of your fellow elders has had some hardships which has affected his personality to some extent. He has had sickness, sickness in his family, and some financial reverses which has caused him to be under great stress for quite some time. He becomes abrasive in his working with people. He gives sharp answers and seems uncaring at times. But the people do not know his problems and do not understand. Their feelings get hurt and they lose interest in the congregation, or transfer to another congregation. You realize the problem. How should the eldership handle it?

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Session 10 – Leadership Problems and Possibilities

1. In a previous session, we talked about honoring all our leaders. Romans 13:5-7; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13; 1 Timothy 5:17,18

2. If we fail, neglect, refuse to give honor to these leaders how does this interfere with God's plan –

- a. For encouraging present and future leaders? Colossians 3:21

- b. For removing ineffective leaders?

- c. For us as followers?

3. How can we help and encourage more men to become qualified, effective leaders –

a. In the home?

b. In the church?

c. In business?

4. What encourages you as a leader?

5. How might you apply this to encourage other leaders?

6. When do you plan to do this?

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Session 10 – 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?
