

Leadership Secrets to Success

During your personal journey into leadership of the family or other areas of your life, learning to marinate on God's Word and different inspirational books can be very helpful. An example of this is the motivational book, *The Leadership Secrets of Jesus* by Mike Murdock (Honor Books 1997). Here are a few truths from the book, along with supporting scriptures, which can help shape your leadership skills.

- You will never change your life until you change something you do daily. I've discovered that developing healthy spiritual habits verifies God's transformation in our lives.
- You will always remember what you teach. **We don't always remember what we're taught, but in order to teach others we must work the message into our minds and hearts.** (Remember you're teaching your kids, family, possibly work associates and others you touch in your life.)
- Jesus knew that every great achievement requires a willingness to begin small. Learn to begin changes in your life by starting with small areas of your life and little by little these little areas in your life can change into larger areas of achievement.
- **When you decide what you want, the "how to do it" will emerge.** Every plan starts with a desire to accomplish something. (Learn to have a written plan and set goals to monitor your progress. Hopefully you can have one or more mentors to guide you.)
- Your rewards in life are determined by the problems you solve for someone else. Serving others is greater than any material accomplishment. (Learn God blesses you when you stretch yourself to be of service to others and help them solve their problems.)
- Silence cannot be misquoted-----NO words needed.
- The problem that infuriates you the most is the problem God has assigned you to solve. What we do today paves the way for someone else tomorrow.
- When you want something you have never had, you have got to do something you have never done. A life well lived always involves risk. (Learn to take to pray and ask God for His help in your life's challenges facing your giants in life.)
- Your future is determined by the seeds you sow today. When God talks, the wise listen. Be wise. (Learn the seeds you are planting today, the fruit is reaped in future seasons.)

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- Your success depends on timing. And God is in charge of timing.
- Your greatest mistakes will happen because of impatience. Learn the wisdom of prayer and timing in **the decisions you make.** (Learn if you're not sure what God wants you to do, **WAIT!**)
- You will begin to succeed in with your life when the hurt and problems of others begin to matter to you. Selfishness gains us nothing in the end.
- All men fall. The great ones get back up. Where are you right now? (With God in your boat know you will not fail! God is there to help us with our predicaments we face in life.)
- Great men simply have great habits. What do your habits say about you?
- Planning is the starting pointing for any dream or goal that you possess. **What's on your drawing board?** (Plan for success.....**Know without a written plan most likely you will fail!**)
- Successes are usually scheduled events. **Failures are not.** Learn from life's unexpected moments. (Pray daily for Godly wisdom, discernment and for self-disciple to persevere.)
- Your integrity will always be remembered longer than your product. Are you a man who is trusted by others?
- Jesus was honest. Does your life reflect Christ to others? (Know others are watching you!)
- Sometimes you have to do things you hate to create something you love. True joy rarely comes without **some kind of pain.** (Learn some of your greatest lessons in life come out of a lot of PAIN.....**OFTEN** a whole LOT of PAIN.)
- The quality of preparation determines the quality of performance. (Plan for success!)
- You will only have significant success with something that is an obsession. Mild interest is not enough. (God USES ORDINARY people every day. Learn to make yourself available to Him.)
- You will always move toward anyone who increases you and away from anyone who decreases you. Are there areas in your life where you feel attraction or resistance? Pay attention. (Learn SAFE people bring you closer to God, UNSAFE people pull you away from God. What do those CLOSEST to you in life do to you?)

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- Stop looking at where you have been and start looking at where you are going. **God doesn't care where you've been; He only cares where you're headed.** (Stop looking in the rear view mirror and start focusing on what God wants you to learn or do in your current situation.)
- You will never possess what you are unwilling to pursue. What is it worth to you to have it?
- Mentorship is the master key to extraordinary success. (Be encouraged to have one or more mentors around you in life. Usually these are Godly men a few years older, which can share their mistakes back to you in a Godly fashion to help keep you on the pathway to success.)

Moral Benefits of Wisdom

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,² turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—³ indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,⁴ and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,⁵ then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1-5 NIV

Listen, for I have trustworthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right. ⁷ My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. ⁸ All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. ⁹ To the discerning all of them are right; they are upright to those who have found knowledge. Proverbs 8:6-9 NIV

Questions to ponder:

- 1) What can you begin implementing today in your life to help change your tomorrow? _____

- 2) What Godly men in your life can you begin to spending more time with the goal to be mentored by him? **Maybe it is someone in a men's group you attend, or in your bible study or in a support group in your community.** List a few men below and pray for these mentors to step up to help you.

- 3) What can you specifically begin to pray about in your life? _____

