

What's A Spiritual Leader?

Wisdom Bestows Well-Being (read Proverbs 3: 1-23a)

¹ My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, ² for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

³ Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. ⁸ This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, ¹² because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in.

¹³ Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, ¹⁴ for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. ¹⁵ She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. ¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. ¹⁷ Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. ¹⁸ She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who lay hold her will be blessed.

¹⁹ By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; ²⁰ by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

²¹ My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discernment; ²² they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. ²³ Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble.

Questions to ponder:

- a) Have you ever asked yourself what is a Spiritual leader of the home? _____
- b) Who is to be the Spiritual leader of the home? _____
- c) Who has given us the guidelines to be a Spiritual leader? _____
- d) What are some key traits which come to mind to be a spiritual leader? _____

Traits of a Spiritual Leader

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| 1) He models a Godly life | 2) Seeks Godly wisdom | 3) Lives life by “fruits of the Spirit” (Gal.5) |
| 4) Lives a God Centered life | 5) Knows God & His ways | 6) Models a servants heart |
| 7) Guides family with love | 8) Good provider of the family | 9) Gives security to family |
| 10) Sensitive to others | 11) Empathizes with others | 12) Edifying to others |
| 13) Godly confidence | 14) Humble / non-prideful | 15) In conflicts “His adult is on board” |
| 16) Does what is right | 17) Trusts God in the situation | 18) Confesses the sin /moves on |
| 19) Transparency to others | 20) Calm / steadfast in life | 21) Learns it’s OK to say “no” |
| 22) Models honesty / integrity | 23) Accountable to others | 24) Submissive / obedient to God |
| 25) Controls his tongue | 26) Forgives quick & moves on | 27) Controlled strength / meekness |
| 28) Shows grace to others | 29) Consistent Godly lifestyle | 30) Shows vision & direction with God |
| 31) Leads by example | 32) Is a man of his word | 33) Self-controlled / disciplined |
| 34) Seeks to understand | 35) Memorizes bible verses | 36) Continually growing & learning |
| 37) Learns the skill of listening | 38) Spends alone time w/God | 39) Know how to have fun |
| 40) Knows were all broken | 41) Owns his part of a situation | 42) Seeks a quick resolution in conflict |
| 43) Says “sorry” and means it | 44) Not Controlling to others | 45) Gives back his time and energy |
| 46) Seeks out God in situation | 47) Faces his fears in life | 48) Knows life is school for Eternity |
| 49) Lives life 80/10/10 plan | 50) Shows generosity in life | 51) Less self / more God focused |
| 52) Seeks Godly talents /gifts | 53) Seeks God’s promises | 54) Strives to manage God’s Resources |
| 55) Encouraging to others | 56) Cherishes his wife | 57) Speaks his wife’s love language |
| 58) Seeks to find purpose in life | 59) Prays continually all day | 60) Expects God’s promises |

List some areas that you are very weak in your life. _____

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Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

List a few areas that you could begin to start implementing in your life. _____
