

Biblical Leadership

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Course description: Part 2

This course explores the first of several biblical leaders. The intent of this course is to understand the qualities these men possessed (good and bad), and how those qualities were used by God to lead His people.

Course Objectives: By the end of the class students will have:

- A. Read scripture relating to the leadership of Moses.
- B. Identified a minimum of three leadership qualities demonstrated by Moses.
- C. Described specific ways these qualities relate to leadership today.

Outline of the class:

- A. During the first ten minutes of the class divide the class into 4 groups. Ask them to read through the passages associated with the leadership of Moses and list out a minimum of 3 specific qualities associated with Moses that represent leadership. Then write down a description of how these qualities relate to leadership today.
 - 1. Exodus 3-4
 - 2. Exodus 18:1-27; 33:12-23
 - 3. Numbers 13:1-24; 20:8-13
 - 4. Deuteronomy 30:1-20; Hebrews 3:2-5; 11:23-29
- B. After each group completes the task, ask them to share what they discovered and how these qualities relate to leadership today.
- C. A few of the qualities for teachers to keep in mind to guide the discussion:
 - 1. A time in the wilderness may help shape the character God's needs of us.
 - 2. Hesitant, uncertain, lacked confidence (made excuses) to assume the role of leadership, partly because of his humility.
 - 3. Experienced stress and was overworked.
 - 4. Needed help.
 - 5. Accepted counsel.
 - 6. Practiced delegation, as a result of his father-in-law's counsel.

7. Interceded in prayer, served as a mediator for the people, even when they were undeserving.
8. Provided instruction and exercised caution (sent spies into Canaan).
9. Experienced failure, accepted responsibility, grew closer to God
10. Presented people with a choice but pleaded with them to make the right one.
11. He was a man of faith.

Conclusion:

- A. The life of Moses illuminates numerous details that represent the power of leadership, as God worked through this great prophet.
- B. These qualities continue to stand out for us to learn from today as we lead God's people. There will always be times that are more challenging than others, but when we remember the task before us, we can fulfill what God needs for His people.
- C. We need to reflect on both the good and bad qualities we've seen in Moses and think about how we can eliminate the bad and develop the good qualities in our service to God.

Suggested reading:

Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy all provide rich background to the life of Moses.

The Life of Moses: God's First Deliverer of Israel, James Montgomery Boice