

# The Relationship Between Holiness and Effective Ministry

Matthew 5:6 – “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

## How Can We Create Ministry/Leadership Opportunities?

Job 29:1-25 – Job talks about his ministry that was the result of his holiness

Job 1:8 – “And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?” – **Even the Lord had great things to say about Job!**

Philippians 3:12-16 – Paul presses toward the prize and urges the Philippians to follow Him

**Other Examples:** Daniel (not eating king’s meat), Paul (behavior as a prisoner), Joshua (spy report)

If you make it your focus to pattern your life after Christ, you will never be short of ministry opportunities.

## What Are the Qualities of a Good Leader?

Mark 10:42-45 – Our leadership is not like the world’s

- There is an unfortunate tendency in our churches to revere gifts over godliness

1 Timothy 3:1-13 – Qualifications for a Pastor / Deacon

apt to teach – instructive, able to impart truths to others

- All except one of these qualities have to do with character

1 Peter 5:3 – Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but examples to the flock

examples – tupos – a type or model

1 Timothy 4:12 – Let no man despise thy youth: **Holiness is how we overcome lack of ability!**

## What Makes Ministry/Leadership Effective?

### The Spirit of God Directs and Empowers Ministry

1 Corinthians 4:20 – The Kingdom is not of words, but of power!

1 Corinthians 2:1-4 – Paul didn’t come with an impressive show, but the power of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:6 – “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.”

### What Can We Do to Promote Fruitfulness?

John 12:23-26 – To be fruitful, we must cease from self and serve Him

Galatians 5:16-26 – Walk in the Spirit by putting off the lusts of the flesh

1 Peter 3:1-2 – A wife’s behavior will make her witness more effective

**Consider Jesus... the reason His ministry was effective was because of His righteousness**

### Applying this Concept to the Church as a Whole

1 Corinthians 5:6 – A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump

John 13:35 – By this shall all men know you are my disciples, by your love for one another

Acts 2:41-47 – The early church’s success (in the manner that God chose to bless) was tied to their holiness