

Wanted: Male Christian Leaders

2 Cor. 3:5 – “Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency [is] of God”

Our Goal:

That the Lord would use this study to develop godly men within this mission work that can and will step up to their leadership responsibilities as husbands, fathers, and church members.

What is God looking for in a Leader?

Does He look for someone who is naturally talented? (*Exodus 4:10*) – **Moses wasn't a natural leader.**

Does He look for someone who is perfect? (*Isaiah 6:5*) – **No. Isaiah wasn't a perfect man.**

Does He look for someone who is wealthy or well educated? (*2 Samuel 7:18*) – **David was a shepherd boy.**

What is two of the most important qualities God desires in a leader?

Isaiah 6:8 – **Someone who is willing**

John 21:15-17 – **Someone who loves the Lord**

Qualifications of a Pastor

1 Timothy 3:1-7 - “It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. 4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity 5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), 6 and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.” – *New American Standard Bible – Updated (NASU)*

Following Peter:

One of the most amazing examples of the Lord taking an average (or even below average) man and making something out of him is that of Simon Barjonas. We know him as Simon Peter or just Peter. He went from a lowly start to become, by the Lord's grace, a key leader in the early church, the writer of two books of the Bible, and a martyr. As we look at Peter's life, write down some things you learn about leadership

His Calling

Luke 5:1-11 – **Peter's calling – He didn't feel worthy, but He forsook all to follow Christ.**

Learning

Matthew 16:13-20 - **Peter's Acknowledgement of Jesus' Identity. The Lord taught Him. He wasn't a natural.**

Failure and Restoration

Matthew 26:31-31; 69-75 - **Peter's Denial & Repentance. He made mistakes but he learned from them.**

Leadership Recognized

Acts 4:13 – **Peter's leadership complete. He is recognized as someone who had wisdom beyond his means.**

Ultimate Surrender

John 21:18 - **Jesus predicts his death. Over the course of his life, we see tremendous growth!**

“Among many other saints, the blessed apostle Peter was condemned to death, and crucified, as some do write, at Rome; albeit some others, and not without cause, do doubt thereof. Hegesippus saith that Nero sought matter against Peter to put him to death; which, when the people perceived, they entreated Peter with much ado that he would fly the city. Peter, through their importunity at length persuaded, prepared himself to avoid. But, coming to the gate, he saw the Lord Christ come to meet him, to whom he, worshipping, said, "Lord, whither dost Thou go?" To whom He answered and said, "I am come again to be crucified." By this, Peter, perceiving his suffering to be understood, returned into the city. Jerome saith that he was crucified, his head being down and his feet upward, himself so requiring, because he was (he said) unworthy to be crucified after the same form and manner as the Lord was.” - *Fox's Book of Martyrs*

IF GOD CAN DO THIS WITH THESE MEN, WHAT CAN HE DO WITH YOU?