

# 7 Steps to Effective Self-Leadership

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#### The Need and The Why

- Who do you think is the greatest leadership example in history?
- Who was one of the greatest Project Managers in history?
- Do you know the key spiritual principles that are always in effect regardless of denomination, culture, location, etc.?
- Why is self-leadership so important?
  - You can't effectively lead others if you can't effectively lead yourself.
  - You can't effectively lead others until you learn to be an effective follower.
- Do you see a need for this seminar, or do you already got this?





#### y Verses, Leviticus 23:1-2

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, these *are* My feasts.

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#### Biblical Application (Phase 1)

- Passover
  - Jesus died
  - Israel kills the Passover Lamb
- Unleavened Bread
  - Jesus buried
  - Israel leaves Egypt
- First Fruits
  - Jesus' resurrection
  - Israel crosses the Red Sea
- Pentecost (Weeks)
  - Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
  - Israel receives the Law



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## Biblical Application (Phase 2)

- Trumpets
  - Rapture
  - Mercy
- Day of Atonement High Priest enter the Holy of Holies
  - Christ's return and defeat of the anti-christ
- Tabernacles
  - Christ's millennium reign
  - Peace





#### High Priest Application

#### Tabernacle Furniture Approach – Outer Court & Holy Place

- Brazen Altar sacrifices slain
  - Cross Need, humility
- Laver priest wash
  - Grave put off old, turn to new hope
- Shewbread manna
  - Word, new hope, bread of life
- Menorah lampstand
  - Holy Spirit enlightenment
- Golden Altar Priest offers up incense & prayers
- Intercession for others





## High Priest – 7 Steps Continued

- Ark of the Covenant symbol of our relationship with God
  - God comes to our rescue, Judgement
- Mercy Seat Covers and sits on top of the Ark
  - Peace with God

Jesus is our great High Priest

- The Way Outer Court Relationship
- The Truth Holy Place Discipleship
- The Life Holy of Holies Fellowship





## What Does This Have To Do With Leadership?

Everything!!! These Steps are Spiritual Principals

- Follow the same steps as Christ and the High Priest.
- The High Priest made atonement for himself first before ever interceding for the people.
- Until you are in proper alignment with God, you cannot be in proper spiritual alignment in dealing with or leading others.
- The 7 steps must be followed in order or else you will be out of alignment with God which will impact your leadership.
  - Example Moses striking the rock (Numbers 20).





#### Follow the Steps

- Step 1 Recognize your need for God (humility Cross)
- Step 2 Lay aside your emotions, your way, etc. (Grave)
- Step 3 Turn to trusting in the word, training, etc. (New Life)
- Step 4 Spirit shows how to bring glory to God (Holy Spirit)
- Step 5 Deploy the solution to others, find the question (Mercy)
- Step 6 Don't be self-righteous; victory (2<sup>nd</sup> Coming)
- Step 7 Process brings peace, enjoy and trust in the outcome;
  Kingdom fruit is coming out of this. (Christ's Reign)





## Spiritual Principles in Other Areas

- TQM
  - Plan Identify the need
  - Do Identify the gap; where performance is now and where it should be Develop new solutions
  - Study Analysis if proposed solutions achieve desired objectives
  - Act Adopt and implement actions
- PM Life Cycle Initiation, Planning, Execution, Closure
- SDLC Planning, Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing, Deploy
- Your Healing Need, Turn, Hope, His glory, Ministry, Victory, Peace



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#### Other Biblical Examples

- Exodus
- Beatitudes
- Jesus' baptism & wilderness temptation
- Seven days of creation
- Psalm 23
- Lord's Prayer
- Noah's Ark
- Etc.



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#### Let's Practice — Case Studies

- 1. You identified an issue with a project you are managing. You want to bring this problem to the attention of your leadership who have been ignoring your previous project status reports. What do you do?
- 2. Your Bible study class has a shut-in member who has Parkinson's. She needs a special chair to support her continued independence but the chair costs \$4K. She doesn't have the money so the class starts to take up a collection while the member also starts a "Go-Fund Me" account. Class contributions are sent to a class member for distribution; however, one class member suggests that the contributions be given through the church to take advantage of the tax benefit. You bring the suggestion to the class to vote on. What do you do?
- 3. Your teenage grandson calls you upset because his mom just threw his food on the floor and stepped on it. How can you use the steps to address the situation?





#### More Case Studies

- 1. A friend is about to relocate to a new assignment. The organization he is leaving wants to have a going away celebration for him. He tells you that he is so happy to leave that he doesn't want them to do anything for him. He just wants to go since they are some haters in the group. What do you think?
- 2. Your deputy section leader no longer wants the position and complains to you that one of the team members is not pulling his weight, finishes some projects late or has to be asked several times in order to meet client deadlines. What do you do?
- 3. You have just been downsized. You are now looking for a new job. You are getting offers but they are not local. You just received a ministry opportunity in town but without a job, you doubt you can serve in this role. You are not sure whether to take one of the job offers out of state or wait to see if you can land a local job. What do you do?



#### ...and More Practice Cases

- 1. Betty, one of your class members contacts you with a problem. A friend (Reba) has contacted her and shares that she is going through a really tough time. After hearing some of Reba's problems, Betty tells her that she is in bondage and needs to turn to Jesus and pray. Reba wants to talk about her problems in person with Betty. Betty calls you because she has concerns. Reba deeply hurt her in the past and though Reba later apologized, Betty is still cautious. Betty asks if they can discuss on the phone, but Reba really wants to meet in person. Reba calls later that day and tells Betty she is really doing bad and needs to meet with her in person. Betty calls you as the class leader. What do you do?
- 2. Jack has a problem with a family member. He tells you his plan on meeting them at a restaurant to tell them they are wrong and a micro-manager. What do you think?



#### Okay...Last One

• You teach a message and preach a sermon and 13 people get saved. Next week, the person who leads the study is preaching but they are not as dynamic as you, they don't bend it like you do. They don't produce the same results. You feel like since you did this better, you need to do the teaching and you start to murmur. The next time you teach, no one gets saved, but the leader teaches and 8 people receive Christ. You murmur again and don't understand what happened. How can the steps help you?





## What AI (ChatGPT) Said About the Project Issue Case

Here's a step-by-step approach you can take:

- Document the issue
- Schedule a meeting
- Prepare your presentation
- Anticipate counterarguments
- Propose solutions
- Be professional and constructive
- Follow up in writing

Anything wrong with the Al answer? Does it align with the Kingdom?

#### Al Result Comments

In general, the AI suggested sequence makes logical sense – However, they don't fall in line with Spiritual principles which is the plan of God.

- The Kingdom approach starts with humbly seeking God.
- Put pride and emotions aside....before you schedule a meeting.
- Collecting facts and starting on presentation next.
- Let the Spirit direct in identifying arguments, key questions, solution development.
- Step 5, then with leading of the Holy Spirit, you can schedule meeting and propose solutions.
- Remain professional listen to feedback, don't be self-righteous.
- Have peace and confidence expecting good results and ready to repeat the process.

#### Summary

- The steps are spiritual principals, must be applied in order and daily.
- Are applicable in any leadership situation.
- You must make atonement for yourself first, before you can effectively lead others. Your way may not be Yahweh.
- Holy Spirit (Step 4) will show you the questions to ask; ask questions for greater revelation
- If God rehearses these steps, if Jesus fulfills them, why are we not using them?





