# ENC Leadership Zoom

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# Essentials in Spiritual Leadership

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#### The BEST Want It More!

The best are willing to do what it takes to be great. They have a high capacity for work. They do things that others won't do, and they spend more time doing it. When everyone else is sleeping, the best are improving. The best are never satisfied where they are.

#### The BEST Want It More!

You are either getting better or worse, but never staying the same. Too many people don't become great because they are not willing to learn and get better. The best are always looking for ways to learn and improve.

"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power."

1 Corinthians 2:4

## Leadership

Leadership is influence, the ability of one person to influence others to follow his or her lead.

Leadership is the capacity and will to rally men and women to a common purpose, and a character which inspires confidence.

Bernard Montgomery

There are only three kinds of people—those who are movable, those who are immovable, and those who move others. Leaders move others.

Li Hung

Blends natural and spiritual qualities. Spiritual leaders influence others because their lives are saturated and permeated by the Holy Spirit. As the leader gives control of his/her life to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit's power flows through him/her to others.

We can only lead others as far along the road as we ourselves have traveled. Merely pointing the way is not enough. If we are not walking, then no one can be following, and we are not leading anyone.

Spiritual goals can be achieved only by spiritual people who use spiritual methods.

#### Spiritual Leadership Potential

- A leader must be calm in crisis and resilient in disappointment.
- A leader must make decisions. A leader cannot wait for others to make up his/her mind.
- Genuine leadership doesn't have to manipulate others.
- True leadership is an internal quality of the spirit and needs no show of external force.
- Leaders know how to make others feel valued.
- A leader's circle of loyal friends is an index of leadership potential.

#### Spiritual Leadership Potential

- A leader knows how to exercise and accept authority.
- A leader must be Abel to reconcile with opponents and make peace where arguments have created hostility.
- Genuine leaders think before speaking.
- Leaders know there is a difference between stubbornness and conviction.
- Leaders are positively visionary.

A statement about Hudson Taylor (Missionary Pioneer to China)...

"A man full of faith and the Holy Ghost, of entire surrender to God and His call, of great self-denial, heartfelt compassion, rare poser in prayer, marvelous organizing faculty, tireless perseverance, and of astounding influence with men, withal of child-like simplicity himself."

God prepares us for a particular task in mind. Jesus trained His disciples for their future roles.

#### DISCIPLINE

Before we can conquer the world, we must conquer self. Lazy and disorganized people never rise to true leadership.

#### **VISION**

Leaders must be able to see the end results. They must be able to see farther. Eyes that look are common; eyes that see are rare. Visions involve optimism and hope. People of vision gauge decisions on the future, because the story of the past cannot be rewritten.

#### WISDOM

Wisdom is heavenly discernment. Wisdom comes from the Holy Spirit. Colossians 1:9, "God fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

#### DECISION MAKING

A visionary can see, but a leader must make a decision. A leader never looks back and never casts blame.

#### COURAGE

This is a quality of mind that enables people to face danger or difficulty with confidence, without fear or discouragement. Courage sees a task through to completion.

#### HUMILITY

This is a hallmark of a spiritual leader. Leaders who are humble choose the hidden path of sacrificial service.

#### INTEGRITY and SINCERITY

Leaders cannot be afraid to be transparent and open. Leaders should be upright in finances, loyal in service and honest in speech.

# Additional Spiritual Leadership Essentials

- -Initiative
- -Humor
- -Friendship
- -Patience
- -Tact and Diplomacy
- -Listener
- -Inspirational and Motivational
- -Administrative Ability