

**12<sup>th</sup> YAG RETREAT: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP I**  
**NOVEMBER 4-6, 2010**

**Session #1**

**A. GOALS**

1. To comprehend the need for spiritual leaders to rise up
2. To introduce the concept of “Spiritual Leadership”
3. To discover distinctive features of Spiritual Leadership
4. To make appropriate responses to the challenge of spiritual leadership

**B. THE DISASTER OF THE ABSENCE OF GOOD SPIRITUAL LEADERS**

1. The Book of Judges illustrates this grave danger
2. Everyone will do what is right in his own eyes                      Judges 17:6; 21:25
3. Consequences are terrible to note
  - a) Weakness
  - b) Prey to predators (false teachers)
  - c) Danger afoot all the time
  - d) Division/ schism
  - e) The fabric of society threatens to unravel
  - f) Sin and lawlessness prevail

**C. CONCEPTS OF SECULAR LEADERSHIP**

1. Secular leadership is suitable for secular organisations
2. Types of leadership in the secular world
  - a) Profit driven
  - b) Shareholders
  - c) Changing models

- i) Sole proprietorship
- ii) Management theories (old)
- iii) Management theories (new/ contemporary)
- iv) The concept of the CEO
- v) The concept of a Board of Directors

d) Language

- i) Vision
- ii) Mission
- iii) Empowering

e) These models may fit secular organisations

3. Are these concepts really suitable or applicable to the Church?

- a) Can we superimpose these leadership principles to the Church?
- b) If they “do work” would that necessarily result in blessing from the Lord?
- c) The problem of human greatness (self)

4. Are there Biblical-spiritual principles that we must know and apply where church leadership is concerned?

- a) What are these principles?
- b) How may they be acquired?
- c) How may they be applied effectively?

**D. THE CONCEPT OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

1. The involvement of God in the life of the spiritual leader

2. The features of a spiritual person

- a) Character
- b) Comprehension of Calling

- c) Closeness to the Lord
- d) Consistency
- e) Compliance
- f) Commitment
- g) Consecration

3. The fulfillment of a Divine Task

- a) This task is revealed
- b) This task is to be understood
- c) This task is to be undertaken
- d) This task is to be fulfilled by the application of faith by God's people

4. The promise of special Divine power to accomplish the Divine commission

- a) This power is promised
- b) This power would be needed
- c) This power must be appropriated by faith

5. Some dangers that attend this concept of Spiritual Leadership

- a) Deception
- b) Self-interest
- c) Heretical cults

6. The difficulties in mastering principles of spiritual leadership

- a) It will require an astute mind to grasp the truth of God
- b) It will demand a strong spirit that will follow the leading of God
- c) It will require a compassionate heart to minister to people faithfully