

12th YAG RETREAT: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP I

Session #7

REFLECTIONS ON PRINCIPLES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

1. The place of God in the life and ministry of the spiritual leader

- a) Knowledge of God
 - i) Historical
 - ii) New
- b) Knowledge of God's will/plan(s)
 - i) Revealed (Scripture)
 - ii) Understanding
 - iii) Clarification
 - iv) Compliance/ Application

2. Faith in God

- a) Regained
- b) Revived and Renewed
- c) Restored
- d) Re-directed
 - i) Life
 - ii) Prayer
 - iii) Ministry
- e) Review (Principle)

3. Relationship with God

- a) As a servant of God

b) As a spiritual leader

i) Awesome responsibility

As God to Aaron Exodus 4:16

ii) Great spiritual power

Power to perform signs and wonders (where Moses was concerned)

iii) Courage

To confront mighty challenges and difficulties

iv) Significant skills

Ministry skills must be learned (Needed to lead the children of God out of Egypt to the Promised Land)

4. The place of prayer in the life of the leader

a) All the questions of Moses were brought to God in prayer

b) He must master the spiritual discipline of prayer

i) Addressing God

ii) Listening to God as He answers

iii) Progressive prayer

iv) Perseverance in prayer

v) Intercessory prayer

vi) Increased knowledge of God through experience in prayer

vii) Sensitivity to God in prayer

viii) Application of God's word/promises in prayer

ix) Faith exercised in prayer

x) Passion in prayer

xi) Fasting (Special times of prayer)

5. The Employment of the Mind

a) The questions of Moses reflect the utility of the mind

- i) Thorough
- ii) Strong
- iii) Practical
- iv) Mature

b) They represent his communion with God in prayer

- i) Vigorous
- ii) Dynamic
- iii) Candidness
- iv) Learning

c) They represent his spiritual state

- i) Doubts remained
- ii) Uncertainty
- iii) Diffidence
- iv) Fearful
- v) Inexperience

6. The work of God in the making of a spiritual leader

a) Teaching

- i) Explaining
- ii) Encouraging
- iii) Impacting
- iv) Filling

b) Equipping

- i) Authority
- ii) Power

c) Transforming

- i) Significant changes in the life of the spiritual leader
- ii) He now practices full obedience
- iii) He is able to make the necessary sacrifices Cf. Luke 14:26, 27, 33
- iv) He develops courage
- v) He becomes energetic in the fulfillment of God's will

7. Challenges to the leaders of today

a) Check relationship with God

- i) Faith
- ii) Prayer-life

b) Comprehension of God's task for the Church today

- i) Knowledge of the Doctrine of the Church (Acts, Ephesians)
- ii) Knowledge of our spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4; Romans 12)
- iii) Cultivation of our relationship with God
- iv) Addressing unresolved problems in our faith and life

c) Challenge to be consecrated to serve the Lord

- i) Understand the challenges involved in following the LORD
- ii) Being disciples of Christ
- iii) Having a lifestyle that is outstanding Cf. Acts 6
- iv) Commence serving the Lord

v) Growth in experience in serving the Lord

8. God at work in and through His servants

a) Apostleship

“For He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles.” Galatians 2:8

b) Ambassadors for Christ

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

c) Earthen vessels... manifesting the power and life of the Lord Jesus

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us...

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.” 2 Corinthians 4:7, 11