

LEADERSHIP TRAINING MANUAL TEACHINGS



PART FIVE

SOME LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES FOR SUCCESS



19) A GOOD LEADER IS A ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS

**20) A GOOD CHURCH LEADER IS COMMITTED TO
BUILDING A FRIENDLY CHURCH IN WHICH THERE IS AN
ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE**



**21) GREAT LEADERS HAVE A DESIRE TO GLORIFY GOD
WITH THEIR LIVES. THEY HAVE A DESIRE TO BECOME
MORE LIKE CHRIST**

19) A GOOD LEADER IS A ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS

(Refer also to Appendix A: The Attributes of a Good Leader)

The Apostle Paul wrote, “We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. But in all *things* we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by ithe armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,” **(2 Corinthians 6:3-7)**



The Apostle Paul also wrote to the young pastor Timothy,
“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the
believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in
purity.” **(1 Timothy 4:12)**





A good leader:

- i. **Is an example to others** (1 Peter 5:2-4) (John 13:13-17)
(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The Apostle Peter wrote, “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.” **(1 Peter 5:2-4)**

ii. Continually encourages others

In the book of Hebrews we read,

“Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”
(Hebrews 3:12-13)



iii. Sees the best in others and has a commitment to care for and shepherd those people that the Lord has entrusted to them to oversee (Acts 20:28)



In the book of Acts we read, “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church ^[a]of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

iv. Is committed to training up and helping **OTHERS** to realise their God given destinies



The Apostle Paul wrote, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **EQUIPPING** of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;”
(Ephesians 4:11-13)

v. Is not critical and judgemental but continually wants the best for others. All discipline and correction is done by them in love



Be gracious in
your speech.
The goal is to bring
out the best in others in
a conversation,
not put them down,
not cut them out.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,” (2 Timothy 2:23-25) AND

vi. Has a humble dependence on God

**Jesus Himself said, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
(Matthew 23:12)**

The Psalmist wrote,

**“The LORD lifts up the humble;
He casts the wicked down to the ground.” (Psalm 147:6)**



- **Humility Cures Worldliness**



In the book of James we read,

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” (James 4:7)

“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” (James 4:10)

- **Moses was a great but very humble leader. He was the humblest man on earth**



In the book of Numbers we read,

“(Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)” (Numbers 12:3)

- **Jesus only did what His Father showed Him to do**
(John 5:19) (John 5:30) (John 17:4)

Jesus Himself said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.” **(John 5:19)**



- **Humility is the prerequisite for promotion in the Kingdom of God (1 Peter 5:6) and the mark of true greatness (Matthew 18:1-4)**

The Apostle Peter wrote, “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,” (1 Peter 5:6)





In the gospel of Matthew we read,

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

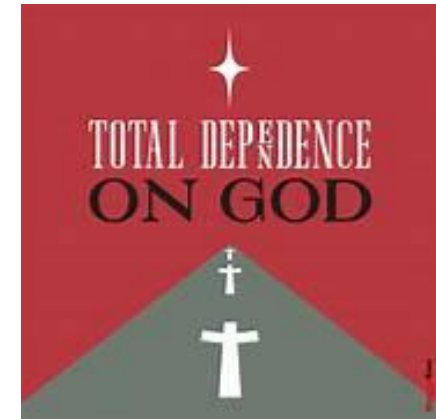
Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” **(Matthew 18:1-4)**

- GREAT LEADERS ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON GOD. THEY KNOW THAT APART FROM HIM THEY CAN DO NOTHING (**John 15:4-5**) (**Jeremiah 17:5-8**)

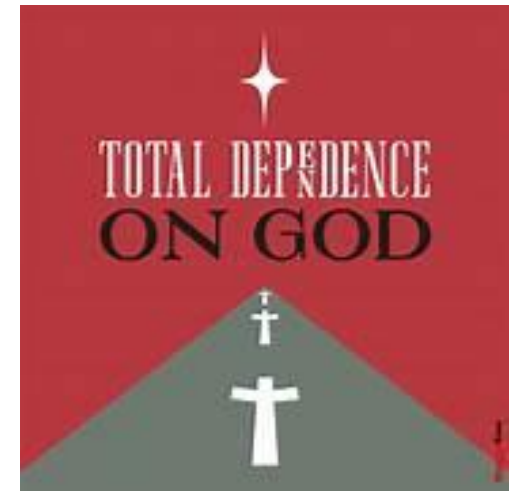
In the book of Jeremiah we read, Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed *is* the man who trusts in man
And makes flesh his [\[a\]](#)strength,
Whose heart departs from the LORD.

⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,
And shall not see when good comes,
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
In a salt land which is not inhabited.” (**Jeremiah 17:5-6**)



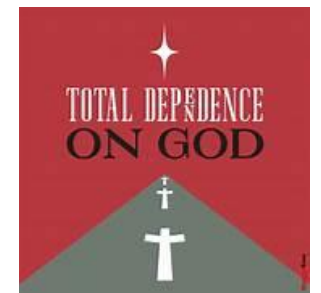
“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.” **(Jeremiah 17:7-8)**



In the book of Proverbs we read,

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

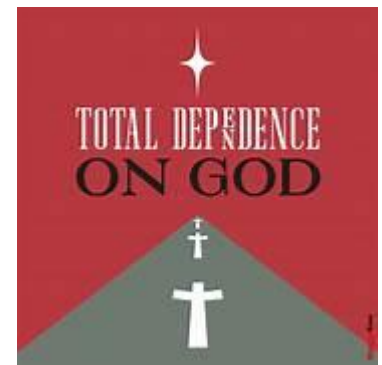
The LORD said to the Prophet Jeremiah while he was in prison, “Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.” (Jeremiah 33:3)



- **GOD’S WAYS ARE ALWAYS HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS**

In the book of Isaiah we read,

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:9)



20) A GOOD CHURCH LEADER IS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A FRIENDLY CHURCH IN WHICH THERE IS AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE



The Psalmist wrote,

“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” (Psalm 84:10)

Jesus Himself said,

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)



- DEALING QUICKLY WITH ANY SPIRIT OF DIVISION IS THE KEY TO MAINTAINING AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE WITHIN A CHURCH.



- A CHURCH LEADER MUST ALWAYS ADDRESS ANY ISSUES WHICH MAY BRING ABOUT DISUNITY IN THE CHURCH, OR THREATEN TO BRING STRIFE INTO THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The Apostle Paul wrote:

“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.” **(Titus 3:9-11)**



Dealing With
Divisiveness

Jesus Himself warned of the consequences of allowing division in a House (Church Fellowship)

**“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.”
(Luke 11:17)**

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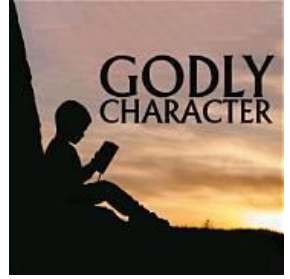
A GOOD LEADER WILL DEAL QUICKLY WITH ANY SPIRIT OF DIVISION AND CORRECT PEOPLE WHO ARE CREATING DIVISION IN THE CHURCH IN A FIRM BUT LOVING MANNER. (2 Timothy 2:23-25)

21) Great leaders have a desire to GLORIFY God with their lives. They have a desire to become more like CHRIST



The Apostle Paul wrote, “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.” (2 Timothy 2:15-16)

They have:



i. A commitment to growing in Character

The Apostle Paul wrote, “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.” **(Titus 2:11-14)**

**ii. They have a Hunger for God's Word (John 8:31-32)
(Joshua 1:8) (Romans 10:17) (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
(Psalm 1:1-3) (Psalm 119) (Matthew 7:24-27)**



The Apostle Paul wrote, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Jesus Himself said, “Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the **rock**; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.” **(Matthew 7:24-27)**



iii. A dependence on the Holy Spirit both for His guidance and direction (John 14:26) and to be empowered for ministry (Zechariah 4:6) (Luke 24:49) (Acts 1:4-8) (Acts 2:1-4) (1 Corinthians 2:3-5)



Jesus Himself said, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26)

Jesus Himself emphasised the importance of living our lives in the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Himself said,

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)



The Apostle Paul wrote,

“I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:3-5)



- Jesus Himself was anointed by the Holy Spirit for His ministry here on earth. **(Acts 10:38) (Luke 3:21-22) (Luke 4:1) (Luke 4:14-19) (John 6:63)**



In the book of Acts we read, “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” (Acts 10:38)

Jesus Himself said,

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63)



iv. A passion to see unity within the Body of Christ
(Psalm 133:1-3) (Ephesians 4:1-6)



King David wrote, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing –Life forevermore.” **(Psalm 133:1-3)**



v. A love for praise and worship (John 4:23-24)
(Psalm 150) (Acts 16:25-26) (Colossians 3:16)
(John 9:31)



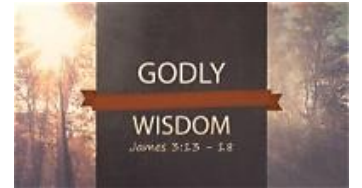
Jesus Himself said, “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” **(John 4:23-24)**

v. A desire to attain Godly Wisdom



- Having a healthy fear of God is the beginning of all wisdom **(Proverbs 1:7) (Proverbs 3:7-8) (Luke 12:4-5)**

In the book of Proverbs we read,

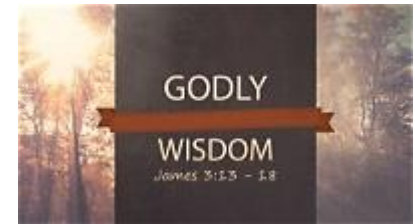


“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.” **(Proverbs 1:7)**

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.” **(Proverbs 3:7-8)**

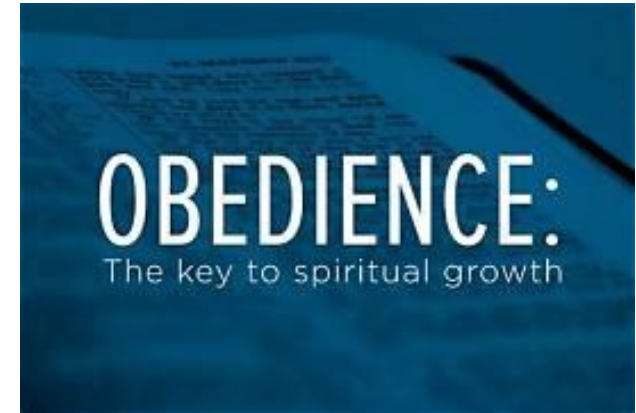
- **Solomon requested from God wisdom as he knew that being King of Israel would entail the need to have much wisdom (1 Kings 3:3-13)**

- **GREAT LEADERS HAVE A TEACHABLE SPIRIT**



In the book of Proverbs we read, “Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.” (Proverbs 9:9)

vi. A commitment to prayer and walking in obedience

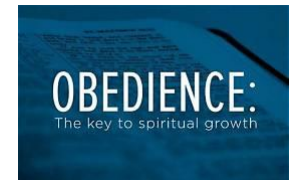


In 2 Chronicles we read,

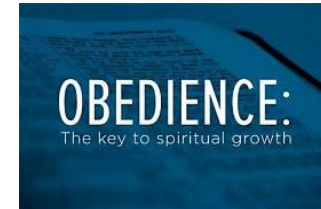
“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” **(2 Chronicles 7:14)**

In the book of James we read, “Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:21-22)

The prophet Samuel said to King Saul, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.” (1 Samuel 15:22)

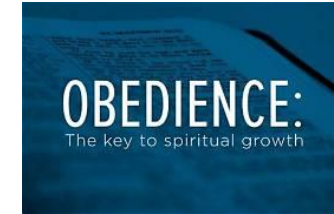


- King David, Israel's greatest King, was a man after God's own heart who always desired to do the will of God for his life and who continually inquired of the Lord (**Psalm 143:10**) for direction in all that he did in life. (**2 Samuel 5:19**) (**2 Samuel 5:22-25**)



In the book of Acts we read, “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’” (Acts 13:22)

- GREAT LEADERS HAVE A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER AND OBEDIENCE



- God has always promised to bless those who walk in obedience (**Luke 11:28**) (Isaiah 1:19) (Matthew 6:33) (Deuteronomy 28:1-14) and who put their trust in the LORD. (**Jeremiah 17:7-8**)

In the book of Jeremiah we read, “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8)



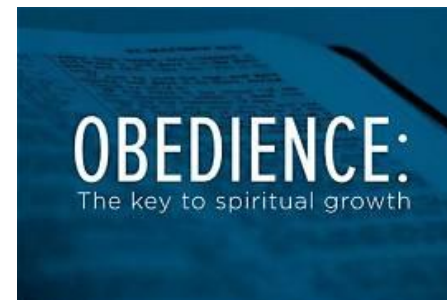
- **Jesus Himself during His time here on earth only did His Father's will**

Jesus Himself said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.” (John 4:34)



- **GOD DELIGHTS MORE IN OUR OBEDIENCE THAN IN OUR SACRIFICES (1 Samuel 15:22) A TRUE HEARTFELT LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST IS ALWAYS REFLECTED IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE, BY THEIR OBEDIENCE TO HIM (John 14:21) (John 14:23-24)**

Jesus Himself said, “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (John 14:21)



- **EVERY GREAT CHRISTIAN LEADER HAS LAID DOWN THEIR LIFE TO LOVE AND SERVE JESUS CHRIST AND TO LIVE FOR OTHERS.**



- **MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD A DREAM TO SEE ALL RACIAL PREDJUDICE ABOLISHED AND FOR THE BLACKS IN AMERICA TO HAVE EQUALITY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR THIS CAUSE**

Jesus Himself said,

“The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.”



“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honour.” **(John 12:23-24, 26)**

- **What a time like now to fully break open our lives for the Cause of Christ**

- Like Moses, we need to be prepared to give up the pursuit of the temporary pleasures and comforts in this life to follow God's plan for our life (Hebrews 11:24-29)



- God has the best plan for our life
- A plan which will touch many lives for all eternity
- All He needs is our wholehearted availability. Like Isaiah, we need to simply respond, "Here am I! Send Me." (Isaiah 6:8)

- EVERY CHRISTIAN LEADER SHOULD SEEK TO MAINTAIN AN ONGOING CHILDLIKE TRUST AND DEPENDENCY IN GOD AND A *COMMITMENT TO FOLLOWING HIS PLAN* AND PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIFE AND CHURCH

In the book of Proverbs we read,

“Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.” **(Proverbs 16:3)**



- Having a commitment to following God's plan for our life will help to ensure that God's destiny for our life and church is fulfilled



- When we place our entire trust and faith in God, we can be assured that with Him, all things are possible (Ephesians 3:20) (Philippians 4:13) (Matthew 17:20)

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” (Ephesians 3:20)



- **IN SUMMARY A GOOD PASTOR OR LEADER HAS A GENUINE LOVE FOR GOD AND ALL PEOPLE AND HAS A COMMITMENT TO SEEING THE LOST COME TO FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST**



- **THEY HAVE A COMMITMENT TO PRAYER AND STANDING IN THE GAP FOR THEIR COMMUNITY (Exekiel 22:30) (1 Timothy 2:1-4) AND PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO THEY ARE SHEPHERDING AND MENTORING**

- **THE APOSTLE PAUL OFTEN PRAYED FOR OTHER BELIEVERS**
(Ephesians 3:14-21) (Ephesians 1:15-23)



The Apostle Paul wrote, “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy;” **(Colossians 1:9-11)**

- **A GOOD LEADER IS COMMITTED TO SEEING ALL BELIEVERS GROWING STRONG IN THEIR FAITH AND THEN BEING RELEASED IN THEIR OWN MINISTRY GIFTS AND CALLINGS**



The Apostle Paul wrote, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **EQUIPPING of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,” (Ephesians 4:11-12) AND**

- FINALLY, a good leader also understands that their ministry responsibilities begin FIRST at home
- **THEY KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A ROLE MODEL FOR THEIR FAMILY AND FOR THE NEED TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT AT HOME IN WHICH ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH (Colossians 3:16-21) (Ephesians 5:20-33)**



- **As believers we have the ability to model what a healthy Christian family is to a world full of fractured families**

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.” (Colossians 3:18-21)



- **This concludes the teachings for Part Five of the Leadership Training Manual**