

# Equipping the Equipper

*Growing Others by Growing Personally*



## Questions to Think About:

1. Who was an effective and important spiritual influence on you? Why?
2. What makes a person effective at influencing others to grow spiritually?
3. Why do you want to help another grow spiritually?

## Effective Leadership Means Leading by Example:

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being **examples** to the flock. (1 Pet. 5:2-3)*

1. **Effective Spiritual Leaders** – Those who set a good example, modeling Christ-like attitudes as well as godly behavior.
2. **Ineffective Leaders** - those with integrity breaks who told people one thing but did another.

## Areas in Which Leaders and Equippers Need to Be an Example (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

- \_\_\_\_\_ – That which you do or do not say, and how you say it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – That which you do or do not do, and how you do it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ - as defined by 1 Corinthians 13
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Walking in the Spirit
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Actions are dictated by belief
- \_\_\_\_\_ - Freedom from defilement of sin, especially in a moral sense

## Effective Leadership Requires Personal Investment in Regular Bible Study (12)

- \_\_\_\_\_ – Regular reading of the Word of God will help you grow spiritually, and will also help you remain a good example to those you are teaching. (2 Timothy 4:13)
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Give attention to, and be encouraged by the Word of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ – Consistent growing in knowledge and wisdom of the absolute truths of scripture.

## Effective Leadership Requires Personal Involvement in Ministry (13)

- \_\_\_\_\_ – God has given us abilities and enablements to be used in His service and ministry
  - We can choose to neglect our gifts
  - We can choose to use our gifts
- These gifts are specific to the ministry, and are to be used there

## Effective Leadership Requires Personal Self Evaluation (14-16a)

- \_\_\_\_\_ – Deep thinking about the requirements of the ministry
- Consistent \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting the personal requirements of ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ between your actions and your doctrine
- \_\_\_\_\_ to continue in being the example, in personal Bible study, and in Ministry involvement.

## The Outcome of Faithful Obedience

- Evident progress in your spiritual life
- Saving (sanctifying) yourself and those who hear you

### Assignment:

As you think about the person who has had the best spiritual influence on you, what can you learn from them about how to have spiritual influence on others?

Can you have effective spiritual influence on others without regular personal bible study? Why or Why not?

If you are not having a regular time of personal bible study, what can you do to start? What can you do to improve the personal bible study time you have now?

How would you evaluate your involvement in the local church ministry?

- Minimal – I only do the things I feel like I have to do. I am only involved in the ministries I am responsible for. I don't have a deep commitment to other church ministries. I have little to no lasting spiritual influence on others.
- Moderate - I participate in some other ministry activities once in a while. I know I could do more, but do not want to at this time. I have some lasting spiritual influence on others.
- Balanced – I am involved as much as I feel the Lord wants me to be. Because of this, I have a broad spiritual influence on the people around me.
- Overloaded – I am trying to do everything. If I don't I feel guilty. This limits my actual spiritual influence on others.

Why do you feel the way you do? What do you need to do in the following areas to help you find the right balance?

Setting the Example:

Studying God's Word:

Participating in Ministry:

Evaluating My Spiritual Walk: