

MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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Faithful & Wise Managers

The character of a Biblical Manager .

FAITHFUL & WISE MANAGERS

6 Week series about learning to manage the inheritance or responsibility that God has given you.

KEY TEXT:

Luke 12:42 (NIV)⁴² The Lord answered, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time?

So ‘managing’ is about being a good steward - effectively **governing** a household for order & growth

LESSONS SO FAR:

1. Management is stewardship which is a crucial Kingdom skill of leadership - future leadership is determined by current management.
2. The management of our responsibilities is always being held to account and determines our future inheritance.
3. We manage the call of God in our lives by managing expectations, obedience and motives.
4. A biblical manager must represent the values of the owner

PART 5: THE CHARACTER OF A BIBLICAL MANAGER

*Titus 1:6-9 (NIV)*⁶ *An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.* ⁷ **Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless**—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ *Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.* ⁹ *He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

7 *“Since an overseer **manages** God's **household**, he must be blameless”*

This describes the character or glory of the church leader which is required because of the house he represents

- “SINCE” - The Big Why is a revelation of whose House we manage!
- Our character reflects the glory of the one we manage on behalf of
- The way we present ourselves reflects the glory of the one we represent

Eg. Queen of Sheba

1 Kings 10:4-5 (NIV)⁴ When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵ the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

His wisdom was seen in the glory of the presentation of his kingdom

In the same way, the glory of God will be seen in the presentation of His Kingdom here on earth:

Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms

BIG IDEA: We are not called to manage for maintenance but for GLORY

- That is the standard

Jesus commissioned his disciples:

Luke 22:29 (NIV) “And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me”

Jesus was literally given this Kingdom to ‘manage’ and He did it by reflecting the Lord’s glory

John 1:14 (NIV) “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

In the same way the presentation of our leadership through the character of Christ will reflect or detract from his glory

PRACTICAL MANAGEMENT

7 Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless:

Christlike character is only possible through surrender to Christ's Lordship and dependence on His Spirit!

What does a BLAMELESS MANAGER look like?

- not **overbearing** - arrogant, stubborn, self willed
- not **quick-tempered** - inclined to anger
- not given to **drunkenness** - or any addiction
- not **violent** - or a bully

- not pursuing **dishonest gain**.

RATHER:

- be **hospitable** - welcoming, approachable
- one who **loves what is good** - “friends with morality”
- who is **self-controlled** - wise and prudent in nature
- **upright** - righteous or integrity
- **holy** - set apart for God
- **disciplined** - healthy habits

ONE QUESTION TO PONDER:

Does your character as a manager for the Lord Jesus, reflect His glory?

- What characteristics mentioned above are lacking in your leadership?

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