

Leadership Level 1 - Personal Success - Worksheets

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I. Is It My Time To Lead?

1. In some ways, you're a leader already. You and I are always having an _____ on someone, whether we realize it or not.
2. The real question is, Am I ready to be a recognized leader, so that it's _____?
3. The short answer is this:
 - a. _____ leadership is often handed down to you and me from somewhere or someone above us.
 - b. And that kind of leadership should not be given away _____.
 - c. You should expect some _____ in your life before you're put in charge.

II. How do I know if I'm ready to succeed at this level?

4. Let's talk about _____ the first test: **The Test of Availability**
5. To be a part of something _____ than myself, I must pass this first test.
6. The world is full of people who are so focused on themselves that the idea of _____ others is very foreign to them.
7. But God is constantly seeking those who will serve him by serving _____.
 - John 21:17 - Jesus tells Peter, "Feed my sheep."
8. So I must make a decision: I can continue to focus on myself or I can allow God to make _____ in my life for more of his plans.
9. Isaiah 6:8 - By making myself _____ to God, I am saying, in effect, 'Here am I, Lord. Send me.'
10. Once you've _____ to God's plan for your life, things will get interesting, and sometimes very quickly.
11. Opportunities will start to come your way. People will want to connect with you. You may soon find yourself in a completely different _____ in life.
12. Suddenly, it dawns on you: God really does have a _____ for my life.

III. Before Your Leadership Promotion Happens

13. Some leaders are given the opportunity to lead early on, regardless of _____ or maturity.
14. But some leaders are given responsibility in increments, and their leadership roles _____ over time.
15. And this is how it should be. No one needs too much leadership _____ too soon.
16. 2 things can undermine my success as I look ahead toward leadership. The first is _____ promotion.
17. This is one of the most difficult _____ for leaders and their followers.
18. Premature promotion isn't always _____.
19. Sometimes the need of the situation is so great that things just move too _____, and a new leader may be in too deep right away.
20. Too much responsibility at the wrong time may not be a _____ for some leaders or their followers.
21. Wise decision makers and committees will pray and discuss matters thoroughly before _____ someone as a new leader.

22. The second thing that can hurt my success here is underdeveloped _____.
23. Talent, knowledge and expertise are great to have, and these things can open doors for me. But once I'm through a door of opportunity, it's then up to how I _____ the season of promotion that decides whether or not I get to stay.
24. It's possible that my gifts, talent, personality and drive are not enough to keep me in that place of _____.
25. If my character isn't quite ready, it will soon be _____, because that lack of strong character will start to cause problems.
26. Leadership is about the big picture and the long haul. As a result, I should want to be involved in things that strengthen my leadership _____ for the rest of my life, not just to get promoted in the short term.
27. And if I hope to sustain a lifetime of leadership for myself, I must be willing to submit to God's _____.
28. That may mean stepping through some times of _____ before I can lead others.
29. But if there's a question about things, it's better to wait until everyone has _____ about the situation.
30. The last thing anyone needs is a _____ when it comes to leadership.
31. Because once you've been placed into a leadership role, it becomes very difficult to back out of it without causing more _____ in the process.
32. If I wait on God's best, then my _____ will have time to develop, so that it can sustain my success.
33. Trusting God to develop me will allow my strengths and weaknesses to be fully _____, helping me avoid difficulties for myself and those following me.
34. Accountability is key here, so that my actions and attitudes have the right _____ as things move forward.
35. Often issues arise when a person is promoted beyond his or her level of character or maturity, but then no one steps up to offer _____.
36. Again, accountability is very vital in this early process of leadership _____ and then on into the seasons of leadership that follow.
37. God will guide us through this kind of season as we pray for specific _____. (James 1:5)
38. God's preparation at this stage is vital to my _____.

IV. God's Plan for Your Leadership Has 4 Main Levels

39. All four levels are vital, though they may not always happen in the same _____ every time.
40. Some levels may even be _____, depending on the people and the situation.
41. Also, it's possible to find yourself in more than one level at a time, depending on the _____.
42. But as the new leader, you may find yourself going through all four levels, in order, as you start your _____ in leading others.
43. Regardless, I and my followers will get the most from my leadership if I can _____ the levels as I go through each one:
1. Personal _____
 2. Team _____
 3. _____ Leadership
 4. _____

V. The topic of this session: Leadership Level 1: Personal Excellence (aka Personal Victory)

44. This level could be the most important of all 4 leadership levels, because, without this level, the others will never be fully _____ in your life.

Test #2: The Test of Stability

45. Whether you've already been leading other people or not, now is a great time to check on some _____ areas in your life.

46. Will I _____ with God in my success, or will I continue to sabotage myself?

47. Many people get stuck at this level because they continue to sabotage their own success by hanging on to self-_____ patterns, attitudes and habits.

48. But if I know I'm headed toward the greater demands of leadership, then I can better develop my personal excellence by allowing God to deal with my _____ issues now, so that they don't hold my leadership back later.

49. Be aware that some attitudes and mindsets can actually push others away from us and our ability to lead them:

- a. hostility or excessive _____
- b. pride or feeling _____ to others
- c. a generally bad _____

50. And then some attitudes and mindsets can keep me _____ in, stopping me from fully stepping out to meet those I should lead:

- a. bitterness & _____
- b. fear, or being afraid to make _____
- c. _____ or self-pity
- d. a victim _____
- e. the fear of _____
- f. _____
- g. _____

51. Certain habits can also get in the way of my success:

- a. _____ & irresponsibility.
- b. hoarding or being _____ with my gifts & talents.
- c. bondages & other self-destructive _____.

52. If you're struggling with any of these areas I just mentioned, understand that rising leaders who continue to carry these traits into their leadership style are sending out a _____ to their potential followers.

53. And that message is this: When it comes to me and my leadership, proceed with _____ or stay away altogether.

54. Now, for the leader, this is not _____, but it's reality if we're not willing to aim higher and let go of these liabilities in our lives.

55. As leaders our _____ lives have everything to do with our public lives.

- a. Some things simply cannot be _____.
- b. Matthew 6:18 says specifically that God _____ publicly the way we live our lives privately.

56. If you're not _____ to go after God's best in your own life, then joining a team or leading others probably won't turn out well.

57. If you feel you need to focus on any of these areas, Christian bookstores and web sites are full of helpful _____.

58. I also invite you to take advantage of another free _____ resource I offer on iTunes, and it's called *Taking It Higher*.

59. The goal here is to allow God to build more and more _____ into your life, so that you're ready for the journey ahead.

VI. What kinds of things can help me succeed at this first level?

60. I can begin to be all God wants me to be at this level by aiming for effective improvements:

- a. Better time _____ for myself (appointments, schedule, etc.).
- b. Personal _____ set and pursued (for spirit, soul and body). James 1:5 (= wisdom to know what to do)
- c. Making personal _____ a priority (quiet time, personal worship, study of the Word, etc.).
- d. Allowing God to build in me the kind of traits that create _____.
- e. Keeping it all in place and moving forward by finding _____ in my life.

61. The point is not to pursue these things so that God will love or _____ of us. He already does!

62. It's not our work ethic that is the focus here. Rather, it's the _____ of my heart and your heart.

63. The point is to make sure I'm _____ with God's work in my life, instead of working against it.

64. And that involves staying open to opportunities to _____ and mature (professionally and spiritually).

65. With God, I have room to grow and _____ as I move forward.

- Phil. 1:6 - He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to _____.

66. While some things can push other people away, some traits can actually create true success for me and those around me, and at the same time draw people to me so that I can lead more _____.

67. Some of those positive traits are intangible, but yet priceless:

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| a. holiness & _____ | b. honesty & _____ |
| c. keeping your _____ | d. overall life _____ |
| e. _____ | f. _____ |
| g. _____ | h. _____ fruit |

VII. I thought leadership was just about being in charge and leading other people.

68. Leadership involves you and me _____ with other people.

69. In fact, leaders must interact with all kinds of people, sometimes from all over the world, and from all kinds of _____.

70. Having special gifts and talents or a great personality are exciting to other people, and those things can help _____ folks around your leadership.

71. But as leaders in the Body of Christ, we have to be sure that things are in _____.

72. If I really care about those people God calls me to lead, I will allow God to show me how to bless them with

my leadership, rather than hurting them with my own _____.

73. If I have some area of my life that hasn't been totally surrendered to God, then I'm like a soldier out in battle who is holding on to a _____ hand grenade.

74. All it takes is the tragic combination of my own issues and the _____ of leadership, and before you know it, that hand grenade has gone off, damaging me and anyone else standing close by.

75. Before we can explain ourselves and tell our stories, people get a lot of _____ about us through our eyes, our countenance, and our language.

76. Talent, gifts and personality are good, but if people don't see _____ in us first, but see other things (sin, bondages, hostility, etc.), then they will only trust us to a point, if they trust us at all.

77. As a leader, you don't have to be perfect. None of us can be. But the power of personal _____ will have a tremendous impact on those following our leadership.

78. But if you're serious about being the right kind of leader, then God's way must become _____ way.

79. Before we move on to the next session, this is a great time to stop and do a personal _____.

80. Many leaders discover that those things that have always seemed to be stumbling blocks can be transformed into stepping stones and, with God's help, can build a _____ with those people we're called to reach.

81. Smart leaders know how to ask for and get help if needed:

- a. _____
- b. pastoral _____
- c. even seeking _____ help, as necessary

VIII. Reflection

82. God takes leadership very _____. But beyond that, He also takes *you* very seriously.

83. He wants to see you walking in His best, and that includes whatever leading you're involved in, casually or _____.

84. Building a strong tower involves building a strong _____ first.

85. And every great and majestic tree has firm _____ to support it.

86. You will never _____ the time you spend with Jesus and becoming more like Him, and in all areas of life, not just in leadership.

87. Remember, God cares more about _____ than any leadership role you could ever have.

88. Just like a finely tuned race car, God wants you to finish the race _____, and not crash and burn after a few exciting laps around the track.

89. After all, leadership isn't a sprint, but it's a _____, and it will take continual partnering with God to stay the course.

An invitation to the next podcast session

90. I invite you to join me for the next podcast in this series. It's called, *Leadership Level 2: _____ Asset*, and you can find the free worksheets at www.drtw.net/newleader.