

EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION

**MEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP
CERTIFICATION COURSE**



MODULE 10:
**BUILDING STRONG
LEADERS**

The Ten:

Essential Leadership Qualities Found in Biblical Leaders

1. Noah

Resolute Faith



2. Joseph

A Positive Attitude



3. Moses

Patience



4. Joshua

Courage Through Learning



5. David

Vision for the Future



6. Daniel

Integrity



7. John the Baptist

Telling it Like it Is



8. Jesus

Servant Leadership



9. Paul

Passion



10. Peter

Recovering from Failure



BONUS: Jacob

Leading with a limp



5 Characteristics of Jesus' Leadership

1. DAILY FILLING

Jesus was Disciplined in
Prayer



2. DISCIPLINED ACTIONS

Jesus Led Himself Well:
He Learned Self-Control



3. CLEAR VISION

Jesus was Laser Focused on his Vision

His kingdom was not of this world...

- The first shall be last
- Take up your cross
- Strength through weakness



4. MESSY MISSION

Distractions Were Part of the Mission



5. TEAMBUILDER

Jesus Built a Team,
Needed a Team, and
Gave his Mission Away
to a Team

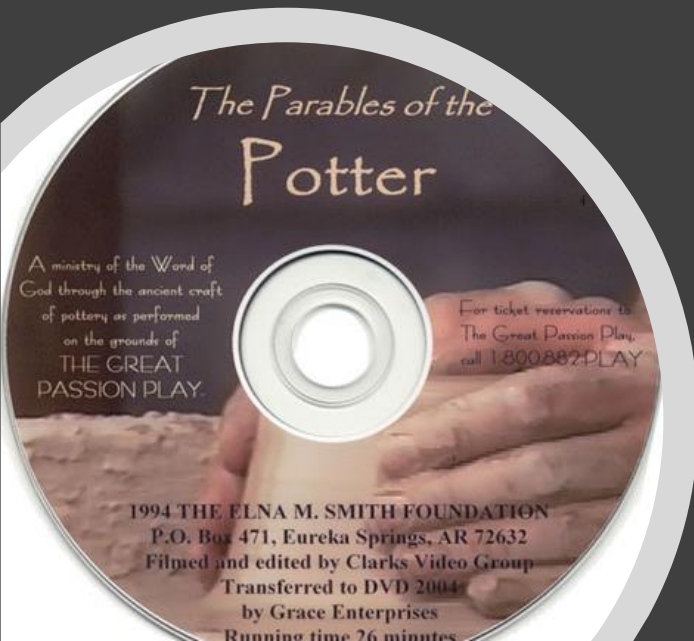




The Parables of the Potter

Lessons about Jesus' leadership methods from the Potter's House.

30-minute DVD



TEAM BUILDING ESSENTIALS

Team Building Essentials

The founding principles of successful teams are

1. Trust – believing in one another and their leader
2. Clarity – clear vision, mission, and goals
3. Alignment – all going in the same direction, working together
4. Commitment – not quitting even when things get tough
5. Accountability – following through, taking criticism
6. Creativity – thinking differently, outside-the-box
7. Conflict resolution – don't take things personally, unoffendable
8. Achieving results – celebrate successes!

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS OF A LEADER

1. Is the man *Committed* to Jesus?

- (1 Timothy 3:6, 1 Timothy 5:22, 1 Samuel 13:14)
- Is the man a fully-devoted follower of Christ?
- Does he pursue Jesus passionately?
- Is he a recent convert or mature believer?

2. Does the man's *Character* reflect Christ?

- (1 Timothy 3:1–7, Titus 1:5–9)
- Does the man have a solid character?
- For example, does he possess self-control? Are they gentle, hospitable, upright, holy, and disciplined?

3. Does his *Conduct* reflect full devotion to Jesus?

- (1 Timothy 3:1–7, Titus 1:5–9)
- Are his actions reflective of someone who is fully-devoted to Christ?
- For example, is his marriage solid? Is he a good parent to his children? Is he quarrelsome and overbearing? Does he have a quick temper?

4. Does he have a good *Comprehension* of God's Word?

- (Titus 1:9, Colossians 1:28–29)
- Does he have a good knowledge of God's Word to defend his faith and encourage people to take steps in spiritual maturity?
- Could he identify false doctrine?
- Note that 1 Timothy 5:17 suggests that not all elders are preachers and teachers.

5. Does the person have the *Capacity* for the role?

- (Acts 20:28, Hebrews 13:17)
- Does he reflect a concern for the spiritual well-being of the entire church, “all the flock”, or just ministries or sub-ministries within the church?
- Is there an appreciation for the responsibility and accountability God has given the individual to watch over the entire church?

6. Does the man model *Compassion* for others?

- (Acts 20:28, 1 Peter 5:2, Ezekiel 34)
- Does the man reflect a concern for helping lost people find Jesus?
- Does he get excited when discussing ministry opportunities to reach people who haven't heard about Christ?

7. Is the man really *Called*?

- (1 Peter 5:2, Galatians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1)
- Does this man consider this to be an appointment from God or from men?
- Is there a clear sense that this is God's calling? Is it God's will?

- This list, though not comprehensive, gives us a picture of what God has in mind for Biblical leadership. As you can see, leaders are held to a higher standard. Not all Christ-followers are qualified to lead. And not all potential leaders are qualified to lead *now*. For some, it may take time to close a gap.

Where there's a gap...

- in **commitment**, it may take time for spiritual formation to occur.
- in **character**, it may take time for redemption to take hold.
- in **conduct**, it may take time for appropriate repentance and restoration.
- in **comprehension**, it may take time for wisdom and understanding to develop.
- in **capacity**, it may take time for coaching and mentoring to expand perspective.
- in **compassion**, it may take time for his heart to expand.
- in **calling**, it may take time for God to speak.

- Leadership development takes time. We should pray for God to send leaders, but we should also be more intentional about identifying potential leaders and then investing time relationally to close these seven gaps.