



Leadership Lessons I Learned Along The Way

- *Praying is foundational to preaching.* Prayerless preachers cannot move the hearts of people nor the heart of God. Pray with and for your wife and children. Keep a family journal. Be consistent in your prayer life. Pray for your people.
- *Personalizing God's Word is more important than theological knowledge.*
- *Commitment to truth is more important than commitment to friends and their opinions.*
- *Being a shepherd is more important than being an administrator.*
- *My personal devotional life is foundational to and more important than my public ministry.*
- *Faithfulness is more important than success.* God is more interested in faithfulness than accomplishments. A person's work is successful if the test of time and the Judgment Seat of Christ reveals it to be a work of faith...a work of the Spirit...a labor of love...and a work done for the glory of God.
- *Pleasing God is more important than pleasing people.* A God-fearing spirit is more important than a man-fearing spirit.
- *Discipleship is more important than "just evangelism."* Discipleship includes evangelism.
- *Being a servant is more important than being served.*
- *A pure church is more important than a popular church.*
- *Living by faith is more important than living by sight...feelings...frustrations...figuring.*
- *The attitude, spirit, and lifestyle I long to see in others must first be in me.*
- *God is more concerned with my character than my comfort and convenience.*
- *Being filled with the Spirit is essential to a powerful and God-honoring life and ministry.*
- *Brokenness and repentance are essential to fellowship and personal revival.*
- *The kingdom of God is bigger than my local church.*
- *Eternal things are more important than temporal things.*
- *Don't focus on people, problems, and circumstances.* Set your focus on the Lord. Keep your focus on the Lord.
- *Don't stop loving the Lord.* Love the Lord with all your being.
- *Don't let your faith become stagnant.* Have an active faith in God.
- *Don't let discouragement enslave you.* Encourage yourself in the Lord and encourage others.
- *Don't become bitter and hard through difficult circumstances.*
- *Glorifying God is the ultimate objective of my life and ministry.*
- *Don't compare yourself, ministry, church, and situation to others.* Be content and conformed to the likeness of Christ.
- *Don't look for another place of service.* Look for God! Find out what God is doing and join Him.
- *My most important ministry is in my heart and my home.*
- *Be accountable to God, to your wife and family, to those over you in the Lord, and to those you are leading.*
- *Don't build people around yourself.* Don't be disloyal or create disloyalty and division in the church. Build people to be fully devoted followers of Christ.
- *Be teachable...be a learner.* Have a teachable spirit. Don't be a know-it-all, and don't let pride cause you to fall.
- *Be genuine and authentic in your life, marriage, family, and ministry.* Be truthful. Don't try to impress people with your ability and spirituality. Be a person of genuine and growing integrity.
- *One of the greatest things that ever happened in my ministry was resistance.* It purged me and purified me. It drove me to Jesus. It made my ministry biblical. It humbled me and drove me to prayer. It made me act and react as a Christian.
- *Personal, family, church, and national revival is our greatest need.* Live, pray for, preach, and expect God's intervention and invasion.

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