

Stewardship of Leadership

Lead by Example

Volume 1 ~ Number 1 Rev. B

The Textbook of Leadership

The Gift of Leadership

Setting The Compass

The purpose of
our life is to:
Know God,
Love God,
and **Serve God**
so that we may live
with Him forever
in Heaven

Leaders building Leaders
on the foundation of Christ

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we believe:

In one God, eternally existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; each of Whom is wholly present in the Other.

That God is the author of Sacred Scripture: Penned by human authors and inspired by the Holy Spirit, both Old and New Testaments firmly, faithfully and without error teach us the Truth, for the sake of our salvation, by which we are to lead our lives at home, in the workplace, and within our community.

That we are created in the image of God, and that we are separated from Him by Sin.

That Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is God's only begotten Son. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered and died for our sins, was resurrected from the dead, and ascended into Heaven.

In the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ and that He will come again to judge all.

In the bodily resurrection of the dead and life everlasting; either united with Christ eternally in Heaven or eternally separated from Him in Hell.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

mission:

Leaders building leaders on the foundation of Christ.

vision:

By applying Biblical virtues through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, we will:

Build spiritual leaders in the HOME who shepherd their families to the Throne of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the WORKPLACE who model the Example of Christ.

Build spiritual leaders in the COMMUNITY who demonstrate the Integrity of Christ.

core values:

Love • Joy • Peace • Patience

Kindness • Generosity • Faithfulness

Gentleness • Self-Control

Galatians 5: 22 – 23

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

A spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11: 2

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monthly topics:

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Balance in Life

Servant Leadership

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Tough Decisions/Tough Actions

Influence and Impact

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Character and Integrity

Conflict in the Home, Workplace and the Community

Taming the Tongue

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Leading with Purpose

Measuring Success

Pass it On (Leave a Legacy)

meeting format *(steps 1 ~ 5 should be completed within 1 hour)*

1. **Opening Prayer** – Volunteer needed to offer a spontaneous prayer.
2. **Prayers for:** Unity, the intercession of the Holy Spirit, Litany of Humility and others are encouraged. *(From the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet and spontaneous)*
3. **Scripture Reading** – Volunteer needed to read. All members are invited to write down all inspirations they receive from the Scripture reading on the provided worksheet.
4. **1–3 Minutes of Silence** – A short period of quiet reflection is requested after the reading allowing the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and spirits to the reading.
5. **Group Contribution** – All members are invited to contribute what impacted them in this Scripture reading, sharing inspirations, personal stories and how they relate to their lives.
6. **Group Accountability Session (up to 20 minutes)** – The group could break out into groups of 3 to 4 if they choose, or remain as a group. This will be a time for each participant to delve into specific areas of self-growth related to the topic being discussed. Each participant is invited to document, on the provided worksheet, specific Action Items they plan to accomplish over the next week. These Action Items could be reviewed at the following week's break-out session.
7. **Prayer Requests/Praise Items** – All members are welcome to share prayer requests and/or praise items to be offered up in prayer by the group. Please feel free to write these down on the provided worksheet.
8. **Closing Prayers**
 - Volunteer needed to pray for the requests/intentions.
 - Prayers for a peaceful spirit *(from the Stewardship of Leadership Prayer booklet)*
 - Spontaneous Thanksgiving prayer for our time together

Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: The Text Book of Leadership

suggested reading: Hebrews 4:12

week one reflection

2 Timothy 3:14-17

You, for your part, must remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know who your teachers were. Likewise, from your infancy you have known the Sacred Scriptures, the source of the wisdom which through faith in Jesus Christ leads to salvation. All Scripture is inspired of God and is useful for teaching – for reproof, correction, and training in holiness so that the man of God may be fully competent and equipped for every good work.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. According to this Scripture, what are the things that the Word is useful for?
2. How are you a reflection of Christ's teachings to those you meet in both your example and your words? How do you use the Scriptures for "every good work"?
3. Share how the investment of your time in Scripture has helped you become a better leader or teacher in your home, your workplace and your community.



No Bible... No Bed.

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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: The Text Book of Leadership

suggested reading: James 1:23-25

week two reflection

Matthew 7:24-27

“Anyone who hears My words and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on rock. When the rainy season set in, the torrents came and the winds blew and buffeted his house. It did not collapse; it had been solidly set on rock. Anyone who hears My words but does not put them into practice is like the foolish man who built his house on sandy ground. The rains fell, the torrents came, the winds blew and lashed against his house. It collapsed under all this and was completely ruined.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. On what foundation have you “built your house” (family, business and relationships)? Has your foundation stood the test of time?
2. What are the “reproofs” in your life that have resulted because you have Not followed His Ways or built on the Rock?
3. Give examples of how you hear or recognize God’s voice in your daily life.



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: The Text Book of Leadership

suggested reading: Mark 10:5

week three reflection

Matthew 13:3-17

And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to him who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. What are the fruits that are produced when seeds are planted in fertile soil?
2. What kind of soil is your faith built on? How can we be an instrument in healing those whose hearts have grown dull?
3. Is it possible for our hearts to become callous? How does that happen and how do we turn the ship around?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: The Text Book of Leadership

suggested reading: 2 Corinthians 2:11

week four reflection

Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in regions above. You must put on the armor of God if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires, and hold your ground. Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footgear. In all circumstances hold faith up before you as your shield; it will help you extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. What are the weapons that Satan uses against us? How do we recognize his tactics?
2. Name the parts of the Armor of God. How are they designed to deflect and defuse the attacks of the enemy?
3. If our battle is not against human beings, with whom is it? How do we overcome?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

suggested reading: 1 Samuel 16:7

week one reflection

Luke 16:9-15

“What I say to you is this: Make friends for yourselves through your use of this world’s goods, so that when they fail you, a lasting reception will be yours. If you can trust a man in little things, you can also trust him in greater; while anyone unjust in a slight matter is also unjust in greater. If you cannot be trusted with elusive wealth, who will trust you with lasting? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s money, who will give you what is your own?”

“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other or be attentive to the one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to God and money.” The Pharisees, who were avaricious men, heard all this and began to deride him. He said to them: “You justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God reads your hearts. What man thinks important, God holds in contempt.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. Describe the components of “temporal” verses “eternal”. What does it mean that man looks on the outward, but God looks at the heart?
2. What is the principle of faithfulness? If we seek this world’s goods, how will we be entrusted with more?
3. Daily, we serve a master. What practices must we observe to be a faithful servant and leader of our families?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

suggested reading: 1 Timothy 4:12

week two reflection

Jeremiah 1:5-10

Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. “Ah, Lord God!” I said, “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, “Say not, ‘I am too young.’ To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord. Then the Lord extended His hand and touched my mouth, saying, “See, I place My words in your mouth! This day I set you over nations and over kingdoms, to root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God

suggested talking points

1. Do you ever allow your own insecurities to steal God’s purpose for you?
How often do your fears prevail?
2. How does God make us “equal to the task”? What did He do with Jeremiah?
3. Paul told Timothy not to let others think less of him because of his youth, but to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity. How did these ordinary, normal men become pillars in the church and their world?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

suggested reading: Mark 4:24-25

week three reflection

Luke 6:36-40

“Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon, and you shall be pardoned. Give, and it shall be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the fold of your garment. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you.”

He also used images in speaking to them: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man? Will they not both fall into a ditch? A student is not above his teacher; but every student when he has finished his studies will be on a par with his teacher.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. Explain the principle of reaping what we sow. These verses spell it out for us.
2. As leaders in our homes, offices and communities, how do we cultivate and teach these values by our examples?
3. Share where you still have struggles with judging, condemning and complaining about others. Where do you have trouble with unforgiveness?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: The Gift of Leadership

suggested reading: Jeremiah 50:34

week four reflection

2 Chronicles 20:5-12

Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem in the house of the Lord before the new court, and he said: "Lord, God of our fathers, are You not the God in Heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? In Your hand is power and might, and no one can withstand You. Was it not You, our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel and gave it forever to the descendants of Abraham, Your friend? They have dwelt in it and they built in it a sanctuary to Your honor, saying, 'When evil comes upon us, the sword of judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house and before You, for Your name is in this house, and we will cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save!' And now, see the Ammonites, Moabites, and those of Mount Seir whom You did not allow Israel to invade when they came from the land of Egypt, but instead they passed them by and did not destroy them. See how they are now repaying us by coming to drive us out of the possession You have given us. O our God, will You not pass judgment on them? We are powerless before this vast multitude that comes against us. We are at a loss what to do, hence our eyes are turned toward You."

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. What can we do when the "enemy rushes in like a flood"?
2. The Lord pleads our case, therefore we must always commit our cause to Him, the One who judges fairly. When have you relinquished your power and case to Him?
3. What was the result of trusting Him? How did you find the freedom to "rest your case" in and with Him?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week one

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

suggested reading: Haggai 2:9

week one reflection

Habakkuk 2:1-5

I will stand at my guard post, and station myself upon the rampart, And keep watch to see what He will say to me, and what answer He will give to my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily.

For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; If it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.

The rash man has no integrity; but the just man, because of his faith, shall live. Wealth, too, is treacherous: the proud, unstable man.

He who opens wide his throat like the nether world, and is insatiable as death, Who gathers to himself all the nations, and rallies to himself all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How do we answer our Lord when called to fulfill His vision? Do we communicate that vision clearly to others?
2. When the vision does not fulfill itself or it appears to die, does it mean that we misread or misunderstood what we should do as a leader?
3. What are the effects if a vision dies but God chooses to resurrect it? Why do things “die” and what is God up to when that happens to us or the vision?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week two

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

suggested reading: Jeremiah 15:16

week two reflection

Psalms 119:9-16

How shall a young man be faultless in his way? By keeping to Your words.
With all my heart I seek You; let me not stray from Your commands.
Within my heart I treasure Your promise, that I may not sin against You.
Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.
With my lips I declare all the ordinances of Your mouth.
In the way of Your decrees I rejoice, as much as in all riches.
I will meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.
In Your statutes I will delight; I will not forget Your words.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How do we invite God into our daily decision-making process? How do we daily allow God to grow us in His wisdom contained in Sacred Scripture?
2. How many references are there to the Word of God in this passage? How are they the same, only different?
3. How can the Word of God help formulate our business models and affect our work ethic?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week three

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

suggested reading: Hebrews 4:16

week three reflection

Luke 11:1-13

One day He was praying in a certain place. When He had finished, one of His disciples asked Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Father, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins for we too forgive all who do us wrong; and subject us not to the trial.’”

Jesus said to them: “If one of you knows someone who comes to him in the middle of the night and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has come in from a journey and I have nothing to offer him’; and he from inside should reply, ‘Leave me alone. The door is shut now and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to look after your needs’ – I tell you, even though he does not get up and take care of the man because of friendship, he will do so because of his persistence, and give him as much as he needs.

“So I say to you, ‘Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.’

“For whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted. What father among you will give his son a snake if he asks for a fish, or hand him a scorpion if he asks for an egg? If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.”

The Gospel of the Lord — Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

suggested talking points

1. What value do we have when asking for something from our Father in Heaven and how does it liken to asking an earthly father? What part does persistence play?
2. Are we meek when asking? Do we feel undeserving? How are we instructed to ask?
3. Can we move the hands of God by prayer according to these passages?



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Stewardship of Leadership: week four

monthly topic: Setting the Compass

suggested reading: Galatians 2:20

week four reflection

Colossians 3:5-11

Put to death whatever in your nature is rooted in earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and lust which is idolatry. These are the sins which provoke God's wrath. Your own conduct was once of this sort, when these sins were your very life. You must put that aside now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self with its past deeds and put on a new man, one who grows in knowledge as he is formed anew in the image of his Creator. There is no Greek or Jew here, circumcised or uncircumcised, foreigner, Scythian, slave, or freeman. Rather, Christ is everything in all of you.

The Word of the Lord — **Thanks be to God**

suggested talking points

1. How have you changed from your "BC" days? What transformations have been made?
2. What did your "old man" (nature) look like? What is the "new man" looking like? How do you identify these changes?
3. How do you share Christ with others so that they may know Him? What does it mean to witness or to be a witness?



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the benefits of participation

- Gives purpose and meaning to our daily lives.
- Spiritual growth, at home, at work and within our communities.
- A life of spiritual peace, joy and charity.
- Learn more, so we can give more.
- Group support and encouragement.
- An ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Individual growth (from self-centered to God-centered).
- Become a better person, spouse, parent, leader, follower and friend.
- Counsel of Godly men and women.
- Build life-long relationships.
- Life balance

Balance In Life

1. Relationship with God
2. Spouse
3. Children/Grandchildren
4. Mission Opportunities (*workplace, community & church*)
5. Yourself

*From your relationship with God, flows His love into others.
God Must be first in our lives.*



A Family of Ministries with a Global Reach, Planting Seeds of Faith Around the World.



Who we Are

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 2010, with the mission to be an instrument of unity in the one body of Christ by feeding the hungry hearts of God's children.

We started with producing and distributing booklets and posters at no charge to churches throughout the United States. These resources were created to spread the Gospel message of stewardship which is: everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Today, Stewardship: A Mission of Faith is a family of ministries with a global reach, planting seeds of faith around the world through the ministries of Down To Earth, The Fathers of St. Joseph, Integrity Restored and Spirit Power, as well as continuing to serve in our initial mission initiatives.

Who and How We Serve

The answer is simple—everyone and in multiple ways! Because we are a “family” of ministries, we are able to plant the seeds of faith in many ways. Whether someone is beginning their faith journey or further down the path, we are able to offer a multitude of resources: books, booklets, Bibles, rosaries, audio CDs, DVD series, speaker presentations, and many other tools and initiatives. Our offerings are targeted to serve:

Teens, Young Adults, Adults, Parents, Educators, Parishes/Churches, Men's & Women's Groups, Engaged & Married Couples, Clergy, Lay Leaders, Youth Ministries, Dioceses, Apostolates and Business Leaders

We invite you to join our mission, through your prayers and financial support. Visit our website today at StewardshipMission.org



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