

GIVE ME A FEW GOOD MEN.

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The man who leads multiplies. The heart of a leader desires to reduplicate. A godly leader always has in his heart the conviction and intention to multiply himself. He yearns for more men who love Christ, His Word & true godliness!

1. FIND SAVED MEN -- Find men who are converted & evidence it in their lives & by the way they serve in the local church.

Leadership at its core must be godly leadership. To lead well is to be a worshiper at heart. The man of God who leads longs to find others who have received the saving grace of God Christ and who desire to follow Christ preeminently and serve Him diligently. Godly leadership does not look for worldly stalwarts. The men who serve God long to serve God preeminently for His glory to be known and because of their love for Him! Godly leaders find other saved men who demonstrate like-minded desires to serve Christ and worship Him.

2. FIND HUNGRY MEN -- Look for men who desire to learn.

God chooses weak men and empowers them by His grace to serve Him with earnestness. Godly men hunger for righteousness. Godly leaders long for more of Christ! They thirst for His glory. A man of God who leads will seek to find other men who have a dominating passion to study, a driving love for Christ, a pursuit of His Word, and a resolve to obey God's commandments with a full heart regardless of the cost!

3. INVEST IN FAITHFUL MEN -- Invest in them with joy, diligence, prayerfulness & love.

Reduplicating leaders takes time. It cannot happen simply overnight or with a crash-course on leading. Rather, godly leadership intentionally invests in other men of integrity. To pass on the baton of Godly leadership is to devote time and sacrifice energy to teach and train others. Leaders teach others what they already are doing. Godly mentors take disciples and have them join along in the work that is already taking place. This way, the investment allows the disciples to see how the leaders serve the Lord, react in certain situations, pray with boldness, counsel with the Word. Christ gathered men and as they went together, he taught them, he modeled godliness for them, he exposed error. God's leaders then invest in others with diligence, prayerfulness and love.

4. DO MINISTRY WITH THEM -- Bring them into the ministerial duties as you do them -- prayer, study, examining the text, visitation.

Leaders in the ministry commit themselves to the passing on of truth. They resolve to lead by example. The best way to learn how to shepherd, how to counsel, and how to do ministerial duties is to *do* them. A shepherd takes another shepherd and they pray together, they look at the text together, they visit others together, they disciple together and the ministry is learned while it is being done together.

5. ENCOURAGE THEM ALONG THE WAY -- Verbalize ways in which they are growing and ways in which & areas in which God seems to be equipping them for service.

Those whom God has set His hand upon should be encouraged to continue growing in the Lord. They should receive much feedback from others as to their strengths, their weaknesses, where God has gifted them, and how they can grow even more in their ministry. It cannot be overstated: encourage the gifted!