

BBL 414 Ministry Leadership 1

School of Theology & Ministry

SAMPLE LESSON

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Class Overview

This course of study will provide you, the student, with a Biblical basis of understanding leadership and its formation and purpose in the life of the Believer. The purpose of this course is to assist you in maximizing your leadership potential for His glory.

Required Materials

Ministry Leadership I Audio Tape Set by Dr. Gary Crowder. The tape set is available using the order form with this syllabus.

The Making of A Leader by Frank Damazio. Published by City Bible Publishing, Portland, Oregon. ISBN: 0-914936-84-0

Recommended Reading

God's Leaders for Tomorrow's World by Harold R. Eberle. Published by Winepress Publishing Company, Yakama, Washington. ISBN: 1-882523-14-8

The Training of the Twelve by A. B. Bruce. Published by Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, Michigan. ISBN: 0-8254-2088-1

The Vanguard Leader by Frank Damazio. Published by City Bible Publishing, Portland, Oregon. ISBN: 0-914936-53-0

Undergraduate Requirements and Assignments

- a. The student is required to carefully listen to all tapes in the audio lecture series Ministry Leadership I.
- b. At the beginning of each lesson there will be reading assignments. The student is to complete the required reading before continuing with the lesson.
- c. There will be periodic lesson review questions. The student is to answer these questions and use these questions to prepare for the final examination.
- d. There are two examinations for this course. The Mid-Term Exam is to be taken after completing Lesson Seven. Your proctor will reseal this exam and retain it with the final exam upon completion. The Final Exam is to be taken at the completion of the course.
- e. Upon completion of the workbook and both exams, the proctor will seal both exams in the exam envelop and send them together with the completed workbook to the school for grading.

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Graduate Level Requirements and Assignments

- a. The student is required to carefully listen to all tapes in the audio lecture series Ministry Leadership I.
- b. At the beginning of each lesson there will be reading assignments. The student is to complete the required reading before continuing with the lesson.
- c. There will be periodic lesson review questions. The student is to answer these questions and use these questions to prepare for the final examination.
- d. The student is to choose two books from the recommended reading section and write a 5-10 page essay on each. These essays are to be submitted with the completed workbook and completed exams.
- f. There are two examinations for this course. The Mid-Term Exam is to be taken after completing Lesson Seven. Your proctor will reseal this exam and retain it with the final exam upon completion. The Final Exam is to be taken at the completion of the course.
- e. Upon completion of the workbook and both exams, the proctor will seal both exams in the exam envelop and send them together with the completed workbook and two essays to the school for grading.

LESSON ONE:

Definition of Christian Leadership

📖 TEXT: Chapter One: “The Nature of Leadership,” Page 1, and Chapter Two: “Church Leadership: Background and Conflicts,” Page 13.

🎧 AUDIO TAPE # 1

✍ **Note for Perspective Students:** You can download this entire lecture in MP3 format from our website at <http://www.biblical-life.com/Library1.htm>

I. THE NATURE OF LEADERSHIP

LECTURE

In spite of the Church’s struggles through the centuries with failures in leadership, leadership continues to be God’s idea. In the Old Testament God called men and women to take the role of leadership to bring His Word and His purposes to His people. He called Moses and Joshua to bring the nation of Israel into the land of promise. Judges were sent to help overcome times of oppression. Kings were anointed to fulfill God’s promises. Many of these failed but others found the heart of God and were used mightily of Him.

In the New Testament we are told of Jesus training of the Twelve. Building their understanding of the kingdom both by what He did and what He taught he spent time with these who would be the leaders of the New Testament Church. To that church He would give grace “gifts” of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelists to equip the Body of Christ and bring her to maturity (Ephesians 4:11-13).

God is still calling men and women to roles of leadership in His Church. Our goal is to help you see that leadership is not “being lords over those entrusted to us, but being examples to the flock” (1 Peter 5:3). Truly our ability to understand and relate properly to leadership will determine the fruitfulness of our service in the kingdom of God.

THE TWISTED IMAGE

One of the purposes stated in our text book, and one of the purposes of this course, is to provide more specific and biblical definitions of leadership than what you may have previously understood.

Some concepts of Church leadership are carry-overs from non-Christian contexts.

List some of the misconceptions resulting from seeing the Church as a corporation rather than a New Covenant community:

1.

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2.
3.
4.
5.

“Clergy” vs. “Laity”

These terms used broadly in the Christian sphere are never used in the New Testament. The New Testament presents all Christians as ministers in the sense that all have definite ministries to perform in the Body of Christ. And, the New Testament does designate two different functions in the Church, which we refer to as governmental and congregational.

Give a definition of “clergy”:

Give a definition of “laity”:

What qualities did Paul give greater emphasis to rather than scholarship?

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“Priest” vs. “Elder”

To further understand how the Church developed a twisted view of leadership, let us now look at the relationship between the concepts of “priest” and “elder.”

Make notes of the difference between the Church’s traditional and modern use of the word “priest” by the considering the following concepts:

Mediator:

Inclusion:

Leadership:

Holiness:

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Status:

Authority:

How did the clergy evolve into the status of a “professional?”

CHURCH LEADERSHIP: BACKGROUND AND CONFLICTS

It is important for the student to understand how we have reached today’s confusion over Christian leadership. Also, how can we lay a sound biblical foundation that will let us rebuild Church leadership – without repeating the errors of the past?

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Give four other names for bishops as understood by the first century Church:

1.
2.
3.
4.

Which is the more accurate title for church leaders, “minister” or “shepherd?”

Was the word “minister” used in the early Church as a verb or a noun?

Leading By Serving

To be a leader in the Old Testament a person first of all must be a servant of God and His people. Note in your text (Page 18) the various individuals that the Bible refers to as “servants.” Obviously these were all leaders of God’s people, however, first of all they had the heart of a servant. Truly a servant’s heart is at the core of the call to any Christian leadership. As our Lord came to serve so we as leaders must see the high call of God in our service both to Him and to His people.

Explain the importance of the Hebrew word “nagivd” as it pertains to leadership.

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Governmental Ministries in the New Testament

List the governmental ministries as found in Ephesians 4:11.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

According to Ephesians 4:12 what is the purpose for these five governmental ministries?

What does the Greek word “katartismos” mean?

Since this is a compound word what do the two parts of it mean?

“kata” – _____

“artismos” – _____

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The Greek word “artismos” is translated several different ways in the New Testament. Give a brief explanation of how each of these translations relate to the role of governmental ministries.

Mending:

Fitted:

Perfectly Joined Together:

Prepared:

Framed:

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Discernment – A Crucial Governmental Function

Our text points out that having spiritual discernment is one of the most important functions of governmental ministries. Give a brief explanation of how Jesus used spiritual discernment in the following people:

Levi the Tax Collector:

James and John:

Paul:

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Explain what it means “to rule” in the local church.

In your study of the text you, the student, should take careful note of the “Ministry Function of Elders” on pages 25 – 27. These qualities are not unattainable virtues, but list the characteristics of mature Christian leaders.

True vs. Domineering Leadership

Biblical leadership endeavors to provide a healthy, united eldership that brings harmony to the Church. Being both firm and strong along with a realization that leaders cannot domineer the people of God. The New Testament gives warnings and examples regarding leadership that ruthlessly tyrannizes the flock of God.

Explain the meaning of “the doctrine of the Nicolaitains.”

What characteristics did Diotrephes demonstrate as an example of domineering leadership?

What are carnal or impure motives for leaders?

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What are some godly motives?

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