

# Success In Ministry Ministerial Training and Continual Bible Studies

## Leadership Module 1 – Two Kingdoms

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The following bible study is designed specifically for the individual desiring to learn more about being a leader in the Kingdom of God. To get the most out of this study,

- ✓ read the material through
- ✓ start from the beginning, reading the scripture references and answering the questions
- ✓ Use the back of the lesson pages for more space when needed
- ✓ make a note of the areas you do not completely understand
- ✓ make a list of questions you may have

You may find it useful to use more than one bible translation. The translations used in this study have been the King James Version and the New American Study Bible.

It is not important how quickly you complete this module. It is more important that you thoroughly understand the material of each module before proceeding to the next.

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Kingdom of God	Kingdom of Satan
<p>Based in Truth  This truth will last forever  We do not want to use any of the methods or attitudes of the Kingdom of Satan</p>	<p>Based in Deception  This deception is doomed to extinction  God uses this kingdom for His purposes until the time of its destruction</p>

1. The whole Bible depicts two ways to live; two kingdoms to be a part of; two types of leadership or authority. Each of these kingdoms requires a choice.
  - a. Adam and Eve were faced with a clear choice to obey or not obey in Garden of Eden
  - b. First struggle between two kingdoms

Read Genesis Chapter 2 and 3. Explain the two kingdoms and their characteristics in these two chapters.	
<b>Kingdom of God</b>	<b>Kingdom of Satan</b>

- c. Two different leadership styles
  1. One based on deception and manipulation
  2. One based in loving influence.

In Genesis Chapters 2 and 3, we see the following leadership styles. List the styles in the appropriate space according to whom they belong.	
<b>Deception and Manipulation</b>	<b>Loving Influence</b>

1. Old Testament uses these words to describe this polarization
  - a. Righteous and unrighteous
  - b. Proverbs contrasts the two
  - c. The Old Testament gives no middle ground. A person is clearly one or the other.

Find at least three verses in the book of Proverbs that show a contrast.	
<b>Proverbs</b>	<b>Contrast</b>

2. New Testament - Jesus used many analogies to explain two kingdoms, two paths, two types of behavior, and two types of leadership.

In the following scriptures, list the contrasts that point to opposing paths, behaviors and/or kingdoms	
a. Matt 7:13, 14	
b. Matt 7:16-20	
c. Matt 6:24	
d. Matt 7:24, 25	
e. Luke 22:25-27	
f. Luke 16:8	

3. Movies show good guys and bad guys - basis for all movies
4. Sports – without two opposing teams there is no game
5. God designed us with the power to make choices. There are only two choices to make.
  - a. One choice is to submit our lives to God, live for Him and His glory.
  - b. The other is to refuse to do so and basically live according to our own self-desire in whatever form or expression that takes.

Deuteronomy 30 gives a good picture of these choices. Read the entire chapter and make a list of the choices available, the blessing and the consequences, depending on the choice we make.

Choice	Blessing	Consequence

- Our supreme choice in life directs subsequent choices we make. If my ultimate motive is to live to glorify God then when I decide whom I should marry, what my vocation should be, or where I should live, I will seek God for His will and obey Him. On the other hand, if I have chosen to live for myself and my own happiness supremely, then all of my major choices will come from the motivation - what I want. This continues into smaller decisions. The major decisions that I've made based on my supreme choice will dictate my daily actions.

Read 1 Samuel 15. Write the choice that King Saul made and how his choice directed the rest of his decisions.

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- There is a true God and through Him there is truth. Those that believe and serve Him are part of His Kingdom of Light. Our actions are not perfect, but our will has been changed to live for Him and we have a heart that is being perfected toward Him. Sin and selfishness becomes the exception rather than the rule. There is also the devil and his appeal to our carnal nature. Those who continue to give in to his temptations and yield themselves to sin are part of his kingdom of darkness. They





All kingdoms are built around the character of their leader. The leader of the kingdom of darkness is:

1. a fallen angel	2. prideful and selfish	3. a murderer	4. a liar
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In reading Genesis chapter 3 list the activities of satan that match his characteristics	
fallen	prideful and selfish
murderer	liar

1. Kingdom of Darkness produces Leadership of Domination

- a. Ungodly leadership will lie to itself and to others to achieve its purposes. It operates to a great extent by fear. Instead of motivating by love and by hope, the unrighteous leader guides through subtle or overt threats. He himself fears exposure of his dishonesty and dreads losing his power and position, so he maintains control by producing fear in the hearts of others.

King Saul is a ruler with the above characteristics. Name at least two more leaders who used fear in their leadership.

According to Exodus 18:21 what requirements did Jethro tell Moses he should use in appointing leaders?		
1.	2.	3.

2. If the requirements listed in Exodus 18:21 are not used in choosing leaders the following characteristics will develop.
  - a. Ungodly authority resorts to manipulation to govern. Instead of leaning on the strength of character and principles of truth, ungodly leadership will arrange the chips to get its way.
  - b. Positions itself to accomplish its end. (i.e. name-dropping)
  - c. Has a low view of the sanctity of life. If a leader does not have a right and loving relationship with Jesus, it's impossible for him to have loving respect for man.
  - d. Leadership of death. It is detached from the source of life (John 10:10)
3. It can only destroy. Its selfish interests will always collide with true human dignity and good.
  - a. Operates by force and control.
4. Has an insatiable appetite for control. Wants to direct, to guide, but deep in the reservoir of his/her being is a lust to control others.
5. This leadership is a reinforcement of their longing for power and status.
  - a. An unrighteous leader will find it very difficult to walk away from a position of leadership, even if a better man is ready to take the job. He has been blinded by his power.
6. Often, if he leaves, he will not leave alone, but will take away others with him, even dividing a kingdom.
7. He will resort to force to hang on to power
  - a. Goal of unrighteous authority is domination and control, ending in slavery and even death of the people. Not all unrighteous leaders show their colors in such a vivid way. They may be more subtle, but beneath the surface is domination that governs by force.



The territory and leadership methods take on the characteristics of the leader. In this case, the perfect righteousness and holiness of God shape the Kingdom of God.

1. Full of light and love
2. Servant leadership is based on absolute truth and honesty.
3. A righteous leader is honest with himself about his true sinful condition and submits his life to the mercy and transforming power of Jesus Christ.
4. Able to live a life of humility and integrity
5. He doesn't pretend to be someone he is not.
6. Boasts of his weaknesses, knowing his real strength is found in leaning on the rock of truth.
7. A righteous leader truly cares for the people and wants to serve them.
  - a. Loving leadership will always choose the highest good of both the individuals and the entire domain.
8. This may require gentleness and compassion or rebuke and righteous anger.
  - a. Loving leadership takes into account protection of the domain or kingdom
9. A righteous leader constantly asks himself "How can I best use my abilities to serve and benefit others?"
  - a. Does not seek his own status or position
  - b. Does not resort to manipulation or deceit
  - c. Wants to see others blessed.
    - i. Has a high view of the sanctity of human life. Believes that human beings are made in the image of God, so has a deep respect for the rights and responsibilities of men.
10. Leadership of servant hood is that of example and loving persuasion.

- a. Does not force his rule upon his people
  - b. Appeals to their hearts and minds
  - c. Sets an example by the way that he lives and moves
  - d. Serves with his gifts and his life, and in doing so, he wins their love and respect.
11. The only area a righteous leader exercises control in is the realm of public behavior.
12. The goal of a righteous leader is freedom and life.
- a. Seeks to lift people up and serve them

The following scripture references contain godly characteristics for leaders. List them as they appear in the scripture...	
Scripture	Godly Characteristic
1Timothy 3:3-8	
Titus 1:7-11	
1 Peter 5:2	

Define <b>Filthy Lucre</b>	
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**Conclusion of Lesson 1 – Two Kingdoms**

Write a short paragraph telling what you learned from this lesson.
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