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(G-d's Agenda for Spiritual Leadership)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lecture the student will be able to *define the deacon's purpose based* on an analysis of a quote. In addition the student will be able to *identify G-d's agenda for spiritual leadership.*

LECTURE QOUTATION

Spiritual Leadership is knowing where God wants people to be and taking the initiative to use God's methods to get them there in reliance on God's power. – Dr. John Piper

LECTURE TEXT(S)

NKJV

Jeremiah 9:23,24

John 12:32

1 Corinthians 10:31

1 Timothy 1:17

Galatians 4:19

LECTURE STUDY

1. According to Dr. Piper Spiritual leadership is _____ where God wants people to be and taking the _____ to use Gods _____ to get them there in _____ on Gods power.



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2. Name the individual groups who usually develop the churches agenda.

3. As a leader you are not to lead others to _____, but to G-d.

4. You are to totally depend upon _____ and not in yourself.

5. Ministry begins with a G-dly _____.

6. Name the four things that every deacon needs to know and practice.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

7. According to the Prophet Jeremiah men usually glory in three things.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

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8. What should men glorify?

9. G-d wants people to _____ Him.

10. Does the Apostle John agree with the Prophet Jeremiah explain why or why not?

11. According to Galatians 4:19 and Romans 8:29,30 what is the purpose of salvation?

12. Whose power do we depend upon to be the spiritual leader that G-d wants us to be?

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REFLECTION PARAGRAPH

Define spiritual leadership in your own words.

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Preparation
(Spiritual and Intellectual Growth)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the lecture students will be able to:

- define the roles and responsibilities of the Deacon
- define spiritual growth
- explain the importance of spiritual and intellectual growth in life of the believer especially as Deacons
- develop a plan of action that will enable them to develop their spiritual and intellectual growth.
- list the seven habits of spiritually mature Christians

LECTURE TEXT(S)

NKJV

1 Timothy 3:8-12

Acts 6

Romans 12:1,2

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Matthew 22:37-39
1 Peter 3:15

LECTURE STUDY

1. A deacon is a _____.

2. According to Dr. Riquelme what has happened to the Deacon's role?

3. What are the four major headings which define the Deacon's role?
 - a. Administrative
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

4. According to Acts chapter 6 the Deacon is to be filled to the fullest with the following:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

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d. _____

5. According to 1 Timothy chapter 3 what are the seven qualifications to be ordained as a Deacon?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____

6. Does G-d call individuals who are not prepared to serve the kingdom of G-d?

7. How was moses prepared for the ministry?

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8. According to 2 Peter 3:8 we need to grow _____ and _____.
9. Spiritual growth is increasing in _____ and understanding of God's Word, decreasing in your frequency and severity of _____, increasing in your _____, and increasing in your faith and trust in God.
10. What are the 7 habits of spiritually mature Christians?
- a. _____ the daily bread of the word every day
 - b. _____ in the Holy Spirit by constantly depending upon the power of the Holy Spirit
 - c. _____ our souls by consistent genuine confession and repentance
 - d. _____ for our spiritual family by initiating G-dly edifying fellowship
 - e. _____ to G-d's mercy and grace by serving others
 - f. _____ our hearts and minds from the devil, the world and the flesh
 - g. _____ of our time and money to the kingdom of G-d

REFLECTIVE PARAGRAPH

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Read the following text(s):

- Romans 12:1,2
- Matthew 22:37-39
- 1 Peter 3:15

1. Summarize each text in the next page and give a brief exposition (explanation) of the meaning of the text.

Summary of Romans 12:1, 2



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Matthew 22:37-39

1 Peter 3:15



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2. Do you agree with Mr. Riquelme's exposition of the above texts? Does G-d require every believer to grow spiritually and intellectually? Prove your point biblically.



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**3
Practice
(Servant-Leadership)**

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Students at the end of the lecture will be able to:

- define what is a servant leader
- explain what must an individual do in order to be a servant leader
- construct solutions to problems that occur in the church
- utilizing four possible templates

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LECTURE TEXT(S)

Philippians 2:8
John 13: 1-8

LECTURE STUDY

1. According to Philippians 2:8 all believers are to have what sort of attitude towards life and ministry?

2. What are the four possible solutions to any church problem?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

3. What are the four categories which we can use to analyze any church problem?

- a. Theological O_____
- b. Church Order
- c. _____ Order
- d. Administrative and _____ Needs

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4. How would you solve the following case studies? Prove your answer with biblical references.

a. One of your Deacons is struggling with biblical order in his home. His wife is a public gossip. She constantly complains about everything and everyone. She disrespects him in public. The children are undisciplined. During church service they disrupt the service. When corrected the children refuse to obey. In one occasion the child stuck her tongue out at a church member. What should you do and why?

b. Your pastor will be going on a vacation. He will not be able to preach for four Sundays. What will be your criteria for



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choosing a preacher? Who would you pick and why did you pick this particular person?

c. Several members of your church are not tithing nor are they giving an offering. But, when they are in a financial crisis they seek the Deacon’s help. Should the deacons help? Why or why not? How would you approach this situation?



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d. One of the members continues to commit adultery. However, he keeps asking for forgiveness and he cries every time he is caught. He has a great job and he provides for his family. What should the Deacons do in such a situation?



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- Philipians 2:8**

1. What does it mean to be a servant of all?



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