



PART 4: Leadership

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WARM UP QUESTION: What happens when a group, team, or organization lacks godly leadership?

READ: 2 Timothy 2:1-10

FOCUS: Developed leaders will be an example in God's grace and in spite of challenges, will influence others through truth and service, and will inspire others to keep their eyes on the prize- ultimately, salvation and eternal glory!

OBSERVE:

- **Being an Example.**
 - Set an example in the grace of God- His divine presence that dispenses unearned favor and power toward us and for us. Humility is the mark of being an example of His grace.
 - Set an example in how we suffer (1 Tim. 4:12). People will follow someone who endures hardship in God's grace.
- **Influencing Others.**
 - Influence comes from being a truth bearer and through serving others.
 - Leaders should speak truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

- Love and service are what gives us access to influence people (Matt. 20:25-28).
- **Inspiring Others to Keep Their Eyes on the Prize.**
 - Paul uses soldiers, athletes, and farmers as examples of people who work diligently for a future goal (2 Tim. 2:3-6).
 - Our prize is salvation in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:10).

REFLECT:

- How can you be an example of God's grace in your sphere of influence?
- Who do you have in your life who helps you keep your eyes on the prize of salvation? Who are you influencing to do the same?

TAKE ACTION:

- Embrace leadership.
- Discover how God has equipped you to be a leader who influences people through love and service.

PRAY:

Jesus, thank you that You are the perfect leader of us all. You are the ultimate example of leading through love and service. Help me to submit to your leadership and that the Holy Spirit would empower me to be the leader You created me to be.

