



## The Essence of Leadership Bishop Ron Lewis

**WARM UP QUESTION:** What do you think are the qualities of a good leader?

**READ:** 1 Corinthians 9:27, 2 Samuel 22:1-2

**FOCUS:** Purpose driven leadership is not just a position; it is being an influence for God's glory.

### OBSERVE:

- **Leadership begins with yourself:** Good leaders rule themselves first. To be a good leader you must practice self-discipline in your private life, and do what you need to do, not just what you want to do. You must die to yourself daily and live to a higher purpose.
- **Leadership goes to the bottom:** To be a good leader is to lead where you are, with the people you are with. These may not necessarily be the people you want to lead, but they may be who you are given. You may be working with broken or difficult people, with the challenge of taking what is bad and pushing people up to the best of your ability.
- **Leadership is never alone:** You cannot do anything of real value alone. Jesus had His twelve disciples, and with that small group He changed the world.

### REFLECT:

- How can you take challenges in your life and become a leader?
- In what ways have you surrounded yourself with supportive people so you are not alone in your journey to become a leader?

### TAKE ACTION:

- Read one of the Gospels, while looking especially at examples of Jesus's leadership style. How can you emulate His style?
- Recognize the leaders in your life, and support and encourage them.

### PRAY:

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the leaders You have intentionally placed in our lives to teach us to learn and grow in Your ways. Help us to be a light and lead those around us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

