
Leadership Principles from 1Thessalonians

Apprenticeship in Action (Lay a Path)

Paul trained the new believers with the idea that he would raise up leaders to replace himself. Notice how Paul describes this method of leadership training.

- ▶ Training was a combination of words and demonstration ([1The 1:5](#)).
- ▶ Learning occurred as they experienced real life problems ([1The 1:6](#)).
- ▶ They in turn trained others ([1The 1:7-8](#)).

How is this similar to identifying and developing an apprentice? How could you apply this method to raise up leaders?

Earn the Privilege to Share the Gospel (Demonstrate Core Values)

Your love for people is the only thing that separates you from all the other people telling them what to do. How much time do you invest in people to earn the privilege of being able to share the gospel ([1The 2:8](#))?

Sacrificial Love (Demonstrate Core Values)

Consider the significance of Paul sending Timothy to the Thessalonians ([1The 3:1-2](#)). Timothy was a key person to Paul. When Paul sent him, this was a sacrifice he made out of love for the Thessalonians. When you have a key person, how resistant are you to sending that person away to help someone else? What factors do you consider when deciding whether to send the person?

Focus on the Future (Lay a Path)

Paul ended his letter with a focus on the future. He knew that hope for the future gave power in the present. Notice what that future focus does.

- ▶ Comforts ([1The 4:13-15](#))
- ▶ Gives assurance ([1The 4:16-18](#))
- ▶ Reminds ([1The 5:1-5](#))
- ▶ Gives direction ([1The 5:6-11](#))

As a leader, how well do you help others focus on the future?

How to Handle Roadblocks (Achieve Results)

Paul had a plan; however, he met some roadblocks. How do you handle roadblocks [[1The 3:11-13](#)]?

Rely on God to direct your path, but don't just sit there.	1The 3:11
Pray!	Psa 119:30-31
Plan. Establish a personal vision.	Pro 16:9
Trust God.	Psa 37:3

- ▶ What if other people are the roadblock?
Remember, you can sometimes force people to do things, but you cannot change their hearts.
 - ▶ [1The 3:12](#)
 - ▶ [Jas 2:13](#)
 - ▶ [Gal 5:14](#)
- ▶ What if you are your own roadblock?
Rely on God to change your heart.
 - ▶ [1The 3:13](#)
 - ▶ [Pro 4:23](#)
 - ▶ [1Pet 1:22](#)