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## Leadership Principles from Deuteronomy

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### Placing Blame (Demonstrate Core Values)

As a leader, it is easy to get preoccupied with day-to-day responsibilities. One day, you wake up and wonder who you are and how you got where you are now. In [2Corinthians 13:5](#), Paul advises us to examine ourselves. How often do you have a frank talk with yourself? Can you clearly see your part in any problems you have or do you place the blame elsewhere as Moses did when he struck the rock against God's orders ([Deu 1:34-38](#))?

### Transferring Truth (Engage Others)

As a believer, your existence revolves around loving God ([Deu 6:4-6](#)). As a spiritual leader, your key responsibility is to transfer that truth to your spiritual children ([Deu 6:7-9](#)). Remember:

- ▶ Relationships come **before** rules ([Deu 6:5](#)).
- ▶ Truth must be **in you** before you can transfer it to others ([Deu 6:6](#)).
- ▶ There are natural teaching moments throughout the day ([Deu 6:7](#)). **Watch** for them.
- ▶ **Reinforce** teaching with repetition and reminders ([Deu 6:8-9](#)).

### All the Days of Your Life (Demonstrate Core Values)

Moses instructed that as a king came to the throne, he was to write a copy of God's Law in a book. The king was to read from this book all the days of his life ([Deu 17:18-20](#)). Notice what benefits the king would have received from reading God's Word.

As a leader, what do you do to be sure you are getting daily guidance from God's Word? If you are not getting daily guidance from God's Word, what changes will you make to your daily routine?

### Stir Up Your Nest (Demonstrate Core Values)

Have there been times when you've become complacent as a leader? You may not realize it at first. You establish a routine. Things seem fine until an unexpected trial comes your way.

When that happens, consider the eagle ([Deu 32:11](#)). The eagle stirs up her nest. God uses disturbance to keep us from becoming complacent. During a disturbance, look for God. Seek Him and be alert to where He is leading you.