

LEADERSHIP LESSON #104

“Know those who laborer among you” 1 Thess 5:12

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Who's is totally committed to the Lord and who is committed to you? You will find that often time they are not the same. God created us to connect. With Him and one another. We need it, we desire it, satisfies us deeply. However, when we live disconnected relational vacuum, we are starving our own souls from being refreshed, refueled. The Lord created us to have this deep longing met by Him, and one another. The trap leaders fall into is when they think that they need no one else except the Lord.

When at the time of creation. The Lord Himself said when man was alone in the Garden. It was “*not good*”. In fact that was the only thing that Lord pronounced “not good”. Adam had the Lord, had a perfect, sin free environment call the garden of Eden. Not satisfactory, man needed another. The Lord observed this and determined it was not good. Imagine this, He's right. Jesus chose others to serve and minister with Him. The Lord Jesus, God incarnate, had the Spirit of God without measure, chose to have others with Him. He fed thousands, He commissioned and sent out the seventy, He chose his twelve disciples, and then had an inner circle of three. Of that three Jesus had a close friend. One. “John the Beloved” John was the disciple that Jesus gave the highest charge another Jewish man could give to anyone. He told John to take care of His mother Mary. “Behold your mother” - While on the cross of pain, and shame and absolute physical torture. Jesus was still taking care of others. His demonstration of love and values. John was the One who Jesus chose to make sure Mary was taken care of.

Ask the Lord to reveal to you who your “*John the beloved*” is. Everyone needs these four basic relationships in their lives. Make sure you know where you are, and which one you are to whom. Maybe you need to be a John to someone else in your life. We definitely reap what we sow. Be a great friend, be a generous kind-hearted, uplifting leader. The Lord will shower you with a harvest of encouragers, and supporters.

Model - *someone to aspire to emulate, that you see greatness in them, and it encourages you to remain faithful and disciplined in your journey too. Jesus, Billy Graham, Martin Luther, etc...*

Mentor - *someone who is a personal example to you that you have some level of contact with on regular basis. They can and do speak into your life with compliant reactions.*

Partner – *someone who is on the same journey as you. Committed to the same cause and has your back. Loves you, the good the bad and the sometimes not so lovely.*

Friend – *a heart connection, more than just an exchange of information, but dreams, hopes, fears, someone who understands you.*

Every person around you, should be easy enough to categorize in one of these. While these are not meant to regiment your relationships, they are helpful in your ability to see others in life maybe, in a new way and now can either help them in their journey or be wise enough to receive their help in your life.

It's only lonely in leadership if you chose to isolate yourself rather than propagate others!



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