

## Why Be a Leader?

### Intro:

1. Why should one strive to become a leader.

### Body:

- I. Without leaders, we become as sheep without a shepherd.
  - A. The consequences of a leaderless Israel is depicted — Ezek. 34:1-5; Zech. 10:2; Matt. 9:36.
  - B. Consider the home and the church without leaders.
- II. The well being of family and of church cannot be left to chance.
  - A. When there is no leadership, another may fill the void — Ex. 32:1-2; Matt. 12:43-45.
  - B. Consider the home and the church .
- III. God expects you to lead.
  - A. God expects you to lead in the home — Eph. 5:23, Eph. 6:4.
    1. It is your responsibility to know — 1 Pet. 3:7.
    2. It is your responsibility to provide — 1 Tim. 5:8.
    3. It is your responsibility to nourish and cherish — Eph. 5:28-29.
    4. In the case of children — Eph. 6:4.
  - B. God expects you to lead in the church.
    1. Consider the elder and the deacon — 1 Tim. 3:2-4, 7-9.
- IV. The results of leadership.
  - A. Accomplishment is satisfying — Eccl. 7:8.
  - B. There is great joy in seeing your family grow — Ps. 127:3-5.
  - C. There is joy and satisfaction gained from seeing other Christians succeed and grow — e.g., 1 Th. 2:19; 2 Tim. 1:3-5.
    1. There is eternal benefit — 1 Cor. 3:14; Matt. 25:21.
  - D. On the other hand, lack of leadership will bring heartbreak.

### Conc:

1. To lead spiritually implies that you are right spiritually.
  - a. Examine your life.
  - b. Are you where you ought to be spiritually?