



The Leading Man

Joshua 1:1-8
Joshua 25:15
I Corinthians 11:1
Luke 6:37-45



The Things We Dislike About Leadership Are The Very Things That Create The Need For Leadership.

Comments About The Leading Man:

1. *The More Successful You Become as a Leader – The More Pressure or the More Courage is Needed to Overcome the Fear of Failure. In the Beginning, when you first got started there was not as much to lose – the more successful you Become – The More There is to Lose.....*
2. *The Landscape of Leadership makes Courage and Essential Ingredient. It takes Courage to Travel at Night and Take People with You Because you are going places you've never traveled. Think of Driving a Car at Night – As long as you are moving forward you can see. Once You stop moving you cannot see past the Headlight of your Car – The Only Way to See Ahead is To Keep Moving.*
3. *Leadership is Somewhat a Walk in the Dark. The Dark Provides Leaders with their Greatest Opportunity, after all, if the Pathway to the Future were “Well Lit” – It Would Be Crowded but its not Crowded Because it always Requires Faith and Courage.*

Tribute To The Late UCLA Head Coach John Wooden:

Coach John Wooden died this month at the age of 99 years old. He was a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and coach. He was the first person ever enshrined in both categories. His 10 NCAA National Championships in a 12-Year period while at UCLA are unmatched by any other college basketball coach. This included 88 consecutive victories, 38 straight tournament playoff wins, and a record 4 perfect seasons.

The answer to his success is summed up in the answer that “Coach Wooden Taught Good Habits”. And as he taught so directly, “All You Need is the Will to Look Hard Enough Within”. His Pyramid of Success reveals his leadership principles and presents the core concepts, methods, and beliefs that he used to teach his teams how to attain Competitive Greatness and true personal success.



Brief Explanation of His Pyramid of Success:

1. *Ultimately, I Wanted the Pyramid's 15 Building Blocks to Define me as a Leader.*
2. *A Destination is meaningless, however, without directions on how to get there. I Needed a method of instruction – a teaching tool – a code of conduct – a leadership guidebook - that would help me teach the qualities I deemed necessary for Success. Something you could see, study, and follow as clearly as a map.*
3. *All I knew was that Success would be found at the Apex and that each block leading to the top would represent a personal quality necessary for getting there.*
4. *The Pyramid's blocks and tiers would be specific directions on how those under my supervision could achieve success by realizing their own potential, both individually and as part of a team.*
5. **Most of all I attempted to demonstrate in my Behavior – On and Off the Court – Those Qualities I Hold so dear, the Values within the Pyramid.**
6. *I Believe there is no more powerful leadership tool than your own personal example. In almost every way the team ultimately becomes a reflection of their leader. For me, I wanted that reflection to be mirrored in the Pyramid of Success which I attempted to teach it mainly by my own example.*
7. *The Ultimate role of the Pyramid was not to produce Championships – Championships were a By-Product. Rather, it provided Directions for reaching one's ultimate level of excellence as a part of a team or as leader of the team. Beyond the Xs and Os of Basketball – I wanted the Blocks of the Pyramid to define us as a team and me as a leader.*



The Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt is the last of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Built with Blocks of Red Granite and Pure Limestone, some weighing up to 60 Tons, the Great Pyramid was constructed on a massive foundation whose huge cornerstones were the biggest and most important of the whole structure. Additional blocks, each carved with a specific purpose and position in mind, were then painstakingly ramped and hoisted into place, creating successive tiers – each one supported by what had come before.



There was a center, or heart, to the Great Pyramid, which then rose to an Apex that towered 481 feet over the sands of the desert. For 4,300 years it remained the tallest structure on Earth. And Despite its size, the Great Pyramid was built with such precision that, when it was completed after decades of labor, you couldn't slide a single playing card between its huge blocks of Granite and Limestone. Even in the twenty-first century it is considered one of the Sturdiest and best-planned structures ever built. And I am not alone in this thinking. The great management writer and analyst Peter Drucker, when asked who were the greatest managers of all time, answered, "The Builders of the Great Pyramids." An Egyptian proverb says, "Man Fears Time, but time Fears the Pyramids." The Great Pyramid of Giza was built to last - And it did - And the Symbolism of all this effort seemed very practical to me.

THE 15 PERSONAL BUILDING BLOCKS IN THE PYRAMID OF SUCCESS:

- *These Blocks have been Carefully Selected and Positioned in the Pyramid of Success.*
- *These Blocks are not made of Red Granite or Pure Limestone but of Material much Stronger and more Durable – Material available to you and your team when you look hard enough within yourself and ask those with whom you work to do the same.*
- *A Structure is only as Strong as its Foundation – There is No Success without a Foundation.*

Scriptural Importance of Building Upon the Right Foundation:

1. 1 Cor. 3:9-16=> Look Up and Read.....

"As a Wise Master Builder – I Have Laid the Foundation and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For No Other Foundation Can Anyone Lay than that which is Laid, which is Jesus Christ."

2. Matthew 7:24-27=> Look Up and Read.....

"Whoever hears these sayings of Mine and does them, I will liken him to a Wise man who built his house on the Rock – and the Rain Descended – the Floods Came – And the Winds Blew and Beat on that House – And it did not fall – For it was Founded upon the Rock."



1> The First Pyramid Building Block Is _____.

- There is Simply No Trick – No Easy Way to Accomplish the Difficult Task – And No Substitute For Old Fashion Hard Work – Nothing Gets Done if you stay in Bed – You Must Rise Early and Work Late.
- This Building Block is Called "Industriousness" Because "Work" as Performed by Most People isn't Real Work – Rather, It's going through the motions – putting in time, enduring boredom.
- True Work is where a man is Fully Engaged, Totally Focused, and Completely Absorbed....There is no clock watching and no punching in and out.
- It's Where a Man Takes _____ in what he does. It's His _____ and _____.
- It's What wakes him up – It's What Motivates Him – It's what Stirs his Creativity.

Great Poem – "The Heights by Great Men Reached and Kept – We're Not Attained by Sudden Flight. But they, while their Companions Slept – Were Toiling Upward in the Night.".....Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Scriptures On The Importance Of A Man's Work:

1. Ecclesiastes 3:9-13=> Look Up and Read.....

"What Profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the God-given Task with which the Sons of Men are to be Occupied. He has made Everything Beautiful in its time.....I know that Nothing is Better for them than to Rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor – It is the Gift of God."

2. Nehemiah 4:6=> "The People Had a Mind to Word".....

3. Matthew 25:26=> The Wicked and Lazy Servant.....

4. Proverbs 6:6-11=> Turn To And Read.....

5. Proverbs 10:4-5=> He who has a slack hand becomes Poor but the hand of the Diligent makes Rich.

6. Proverbs 22:29=> Do you see a man who Excels in his work? He will Stand Before Kings. He will Not Stand before Unknown Me.

7. Proverbs 24:30-34=> Turn To And Read.....



The Industriousness Man makes up what he lacks in Education and Ability by his sheer Determination and Consistent Practice of Hard Work.

Look at the Case of the Bumblebee. According to the greatest minds of science, it cannot fly. Its wings aren't big enough. Aerodynamics says it is impossible. The biggest computers in the world all come to the same conclusion, it can't fly. But what does the bumblebee do? It ignores the great minds, the skeptics, the computers... and it just goes ahead and flies.

A wide range of studies have been done in recent years to try to understand the bee's unique method of flying. Brute force rather than aerodynamic efficiency is the key to bumblebee flight, Oxford University scientists have discovered. The lesson to learn is that sometimes man just needs to "Keep Flapping" and keep applying good old fashion - Hard Work.



2> The Second Pyramid Building Block Is _____.

- Work without _____ is Drudgery. Drudgery does not produce _____, nor does it produce great organizations. You will not reach the top if you and those you lead are wearily trudging along waiting for the workday to end so you can move on to something you would rather do.
- If You Lack Enthusiasm for your Job, you cannot perform to the best of your ability - Success is unattainable without Enthusiasm.
- Enthusiasm comes from "Your _____ Being in Your Work". You must be Enthusiastic if you are to Stimulate Others. The Enthusiastic Man does not recognize defeat and in tough moments his love of the game and great desire to impart this same love to others will do much to carry him over the rough spots.....Hard-work and Enthusiasm are Contagious.
- Enthusiasm was chosen as the 2nd Cornerstone in the Pyramid's Foundation Because it Transforms Work into Industriousness and Catapults you to the most productive heights.

Scriptures On The Importance Of A Man's Enthusiasm:

1. **II Kings 19:30-32**=> And the Remnant who have Escaped of the House of Judah, Shall again take Root Downward, and Bear Fruit Upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, and those who escape from Mount Zion, the Zeal of the Lord of Hosts will Do This.
2. **Nehemiah 8:10**=> The Joy of the Lord is My Strength.....
3. **John 2:13-17**=> Turn To and Read.....Zeal for My House Has Consumed Me.
4. **Titus 2:14**=> Who gave Himself for us, that He might Redeem us from every Lawless Deed and Purify for Himself His own Special People - Zealous for Good Works.

When Industriousness and Enthusiasm are Joined Together - They Become the Driving Force - The Engine that Powers all Subsequent Blocks of the Pyramid.

- The Most Effective Leaders have these Qualities in full measure.
- Jack Welch, the former CEO of General Electric and the man Declared "Manager of the Century" by Fortune Magazine. He Transformed the Century-Old Corporation into one of the Biggest and most valuable in the World.
- Enthusiasm was at the Center of the Leadership Assets he Possessed - He Loved His Job - Not Liked It - He Loved It. And His Enthusiasm was Infectious, and it ignited the Spirit and Enthusiasm of those he worked with.

