

## **Acts 1:12-26 Identifying Spiritual Leadership Dec 14 08**

**Intro:** “Parrot Food” (Mirror, Ladder, Swing)

### **1. Consecrated with Prayer: Acts 1:12-14 (HCSB)**

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olive Grove, which is near Jerusalem—a Sabbath day’s journey away.

<sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

<sup>14</sup> All these were continually united in prayer, along with the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

### **Luke 6:12-13 (HCSB)**

<sup>12</sup> During those days He went out to the mountain to pray and spent all night in prayer to God.

<sup>13</sup> When daylight came, He summoned His disciples, and He chose 12 of them—He also named them apostles:

R. A. Torrey, How To Pray p. 58-59  
*Prayerfully pick a person who is prayerful.*

### **2. Consistently Faithful: Acts 1:15 (HCSB)**

<sup>15</sup> During these days Peter stood up among the brothers—the number of people who were together was about 120—and said:

### **Acts 1:20-22 (HCSB)**

<sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: Let his dwelling become desolate; let no one live in it; and Let someone else take his position.

<sup>21</sup> “Therefore, from among the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us—

<sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us—from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

(Other leaders know you have been there.)

### **1 Timothy 3:6-7 (HCSB)**

<sup>6</sup> He must not be a new convert, or he might become conceited and fall into the condemnation of the Devil.

<sup>7</sup> Furthermore, he must have a good reputation among outsiders, so that he does not fall into disgrace and the Devil’s trap.

Zig Ziglar – “A five year study of 120 of the nation’s top artists, athletes, and scholars has concluded that drive and determination, and not great natural talent, led to their extraordinary success ... There is no substitute for tenacity. The only difference between a big shot and a little shot is that a big shot is just a little shot that kept on shooting.”

### **3. Confirmed By God: Acts 1:23-26 (HCSB)**

<sup>23</sup> So they proposed two: Joseph, called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

<sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, “You, Lord, know the hearts of all; show which of these two You have chosen

<sup>25</sup> to take the place in this apostolic service that Judas left to go to his own place.”

<sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was numbered with the 11 apostles.

### **1 Corinthians 1:25-31 (HCSB)**

<sup>25</sup> because God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers, consider your calling: not many are wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> Instead, God has chosen the world’s foolish things to shame the wise, and God has chosen the world’s weak things to shame the strong.

<sup>28</sup> God has chosen the world’s insignificant and despised things—the things viewed as nothing—so He might bring to nothing the things that are viewed as something,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one can boast in His presence.

<sup>30</sup> But from Him you are in Christ Jesus, who for us became wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption,

<sup>31</sup> in order that, as it is written: The one who boasts must boast in the Lord.

### **4. Creative Challengers and Change-Agents, not just Critics.**

#### **Acts 15:1-2 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> Some men came down from Judea and began to teach the brothers: “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom prescribed by Moses, you cannot be saved!”

<sup>2</sup> But after Paul and Barnabas had engaged them in serious argument and debate, they arranged for Paul and Barnabas and some others of them to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem concerning this controversy.

#### **Acts 15:10-11 (HCSB)**

<sup>10</sup> Why, then, are you now testing God by putting on the disciples’ necks a yoke that neither our forefathers nor we have been able to bear?

<sup>11</sup> On the contrary, we believe we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in the same way they are.”

Ed Young p. 150 on Creativity.

## **5. Constantly Encouraging, and so is a Positive Influencer.**

### **Acts 20:1-2 (HCSB)**

<sup>1</sup> After the uproar was over, Paul sent for the disciples, encouraged them, and after saying good-bye, departed to go to Macedonia.

<sup>2</sup> And when he had passed through those areas and exhorted them at length, he came to Greece

### **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (HCSB)**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

## **6. Confidence in their Character**

### **Acts 6:3 (HCSB)**

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty.

Don Shula, Everybody's Coach p. 62-63

### **1 Samuel 16:7 (HCSB)**

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have rejected him. Man does not see what the Lord sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart."

*A Vital part of a potential leader's character is their compassion and passion, these often make more of an impact than their potential ability.*

### **Matthew 9:36 (HCSB)**

<sup>36</sup> When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd.

### **Acts 26:28-29 (HCSB)**

<sup>28</sup> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Are you going to persuade me to become a Christian so easily?"

<sup>29</sup> "I wish before God," replied Paul, "that whether easily or with difficulty, not only you but all who listen to me today might become as I am—except for these chains."

### **Matthew 22:37-39 (HCSB)**

<sup>37</sup> He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

<sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and most important commandment.

<sup>39</sup> The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.