

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Called to Lead

### Devotional

Leadership isn't reserved for those with fancy titles or positions. Every believer has been given influence in some area of life - whether at home, work, school, or among friends. Just like Stephen in the early church, our leadership potential stems not from our credentials, but from being 'full of faith and the Holy Spirit.' You might think you're not a leader, but if you have relationships with others, you have influence. The question isn't whether you lead, but how well you use the influence God has given you.

### Bible Verse

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

### Reflection Question

What areas of influence has God given you, and how are you currently using that influence to point others toward Him?

### Quote

I firmly believe that leaders are people with influence. Whether you be a child with your Friends, you can be influential there.

### Prayer

Lord, help me recognize the influence You've given me and use it wisely. Transform my mind to see leadership as You do - not about position, but about impact. Guide me in using my influence to draw others closer to You. Amen.

## Day 2: Leading with Integrity

## **Devotional**

True leadership requires more than just pointing the way - it demands that we walk the path ourselves first. We cannot effectively guide others where we haven't been willing to go. This calls for genuine integrity, where our actions align perfectly with our words. It might mean making difficult choices or sacrificing personal comfort, but authentic leadership always costs something. When we lead with integrity, people don't just hear our words - they see Christ's character reflected in our lives.

## **Bible Verse**

"Woe to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you ask, 'How have we despised your name?' By offering defiled food on my altar." - Malachi 1:6-7

## **Reflection Question**

In what ways might God be calling you to 'walk the talk' more faithfully in your leadership journey?

## **Quote**

I believe the definitive measure of a leader's success is whether they move people from where they were to where God wants them to be. A true leader then cannot say Go there if they haven't gone themselves.

## **Prayer**

Father, grant me the courage to lead with integrity, even when it's costly. Help me to be faithful in both my words and actions, so others may see You clearly through my life. Amen.

# **Day 3: Shaped Through Experience**

## **Devotional**

God's process of developing leaders often involves both mountain-top experiences and valley moments. Like clay in the potter's hands, we are shaped through our encounters with Him - sometimes through blessing, other times through brokenness.

These experiences aren't just about us; they become the foundation from which we lead others. When we've experienced God's faithfulness in our own struggles, we can authentically guide others through theirs.

### **Bible Verse**

"Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people." - Acts 6:8

### **Reflection Question**

How have your past experiences - both positive and challenging - equipped you to lead others more effectively?

### **Quote**

When did God ever give an easy task? Not often. But there is sometimes that shaping. I am reminded of a preacher, A.W. Tozer, who says, if you want to serve God, there is going to be some breaking in your life. And the deeper the hurt, the greater the usefulness.

### **Prayer**

Lord, thank You for both the mountaintops and valleys that have shaped me. Use every experience to make me a better leader for Your glory. Amen.

## **Day 4: Focused on God's Vision**

### **Devotional**

Effective leadership requires clear vision - not just any vision, but God's vision. This comes from spending time with Him, understanding His heart, and seeing the world through His eyes. When we maintain this heavenly perspective, we can lead others toward God's preferred future, even when faced with opposition or difficulties. Our role isn't to create our own vision, but to discern and follow God's direction for those we lead.

### **Bible Verse**

"While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.'" - Acts 7:59

### **Reflection Question**

What is God's vision for the people and situations He's called you to influence?

### **Quote**

Vision is the clear mental picture of a preferable future given by God. And it's based on an accurate understanding of God, of oneself and the circumstances.

### **Prayer**

Dear God, clear my vision to see what You see. Help me lead others toward Your preferred future, regardless of the challenges we face. Amen.

## **Day 5: Excellence in Leadership**

### **Devotional**

God calls us to lead with excellence, not for our own glory, but because He deserves our very best. Just as He gave His best in sending Jesus, we're called to bring our best in time, talent, and resources to our leadership roles. Excellence isn't about perfection - it's about consistently giving our all for God's glory. When we lead with excellence, we reflect the character of our excellent God to those we influence.

### **Bible Verse**

"Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom." - Acts 6:3

### **Reflection Question**

In what specific ways can you raise the standard of excellence in your leadership this week?

### **Quote**

We're called to lead with excellence, to bring our best of time and talent and resources. Why? Because God did and God continues to do. He provides the best.

### **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, help me to lead with excellence in all I do. Not for my glory, but for Yours. Give me strength and wisdom to bring my best to every leadership opportunity. Amen.