BOOK REVIEW FINSIHING STRONG

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CHAPTER 6

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CHAPTER 6: UNTEACHABLE, UNACCOUNTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE

INTRODUCTION

- A leader is someone who leads. Just because you have a title of leadership doesn't mean that you are a leader. You are only a leader if you lead.
- People who hang out with the Lord everyday can't stop talking about Him. They can't help looking at every issue the way He would look at the issue.
- Diotrephes, a prototype of an UnLeader: 3Jn 9-11
- The key focus in chapter 6 is the prefix "un" which means something different or opposite to the main word. For instance, the word unhealthy means it is not healthy. And UnLeader means it is different from and opposite to good leadership (3Jn 9-11).

UNSERVANT

- One thing that sets apart Christian leadership from any other type of leadership is the idea of being a servant leader (Mk 9:35; Mt. 20:26-28). According to Leonard Bernstein, New York Symphony Conductor, the most difficult position in the orchestra is "second fiddle" because everybody wants to be first.
- Christian leadership is giving your best without having to be the first.
- Diotrephes loved to be first, served, a big shot, given special privileges and impress people (3 John 9-11).
- If we want to lead like Jesus instead of Diotrephes, we will have to make drastic changes. Phi 2:7
- The challenge with reading the Bible is every time we open it, we keep getting the idea that God wants us to change and conform to the image of Christ.
- If we're going to grow up in Christ, we've got to change everyday. If we don't, we'll merely be growing old instead. Be willing to change and be a servant.

FIVE MARKS OF AN UNLEADER CONTD.

UNTEACHABLE

- Great leaders have teachable spirits. **Pro. 19:20**
- Great leaders know how to submit to authority. Tit 3:1-3, Rm 13:1
- A lot of people have leadership inclinations but don't want to submit to anybody because they want to do it their way. **Rom 13:2-7**
- The one trait to look for in a husband, being the spiritual head of the home, is teachability a teachable guy will listen to your input. He'll be a big enough man to admit he's got lots of room for improvement.
- More importantly, he'll be open to input from the Holy Spirit. He'll know how to humble himself before the Lord.
- A teachable person will grow up in Christ.
- If you're not teachable, you don't have a chance in the world of finishing strong!

FIVE MARKS OF AN UNLEADER CONTD.

UNJUST

- More than anything else, spoken words determine the atmosphere of a home. Your home either has an atmosphere of construction or destruction.
- The people in the home are either being built up or torn down. What kind of home were you raised in? Is it one with an atmosphere of construction or that of destruction?
- The family you come from is not as important as the one you are going to have. Ring Lardner. You can't do anything about the family you were born into but when become the dad, it's on your shoulders to make a good home.
- What's going to be the atmosphere of your home? More than anything else, it will be your words that spell the difference between construction and destruction. What kind of words will echo off the walls of your home and sink into the souls of those impressionable folks under your roof?
- Words are awesomely powerful instruments for evil or good. In a Christian home, there is no room for unjust words. We need to think about the words before they come out of our mouths. **Eph 4:29-32, Pro 16:24**
- We need to ask ourselves "am I being just here? Is this a constructive remark? Or am I just trying to score a point?" As people who want to finish strong, we need to make sure our remarks and comments are constructive and just.

UNHOSPITABLE

- Hospitality isn't always convenient. **Heb 13:2-4**
- It isn't always comfortable and handy.
- It doesn't always fit right in with our plans and our schedules.
- A family willing to be inconvenienced is a sign of spiritual maturity. **1Pet 4:8-9**

UNHAPPY

- Does God speak to us today? Yes, He does. He speaks to us in His Word.
- But God also has another way of getting through to us. It's amazing how God talks to us through our spouses and kids. And when we start hearing the same thing over and over again, we better listen.
- If you want a happy family, you better listen to some of those words and even some of those silences! **Pro 16:25**
- That's not easy because sometimes we get into a groove.
- We get goal oriented and locked on course. At such times, it's not easy for to pick up on the family's emotional needs.
- In the heat of the moment, it's easy to get upset and irritated and start throwing around harsh words. That's a natural tendency.

CONCLUSION

- Being an UnLeader is UnManly.
- Real men and women serve just like Jesus did.
- If we are to finish strong, we have to work on it.
- As we ask Christ to make us teachable, accountable men and women that He wants us to be, we will begin to change.

Q&A/COMMENTS

THANK YOU