

# DESTINY TRAINING LEVEL 1

## MODULE 2

### CLASS 06

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## SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP

**Biblical Reference:** Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24).

### I. CLASS OBJECTIVES

1. To fully comprehend each of the characteristics of a successful leader.
2. To learn principles that will enable us to exercise strong, lasting leadership.
3. To understand everything that a successful leader can and should do.

### III. INTRODUCTION

Successful leadership begins with a leader who has a servant's heart and a clearly defined vision. Successful leaders must also have the strength and determination to achieve that vision and to continuously exercise their faith, much like the leaders of God described in Hebrews 11.

### IV. LESSON: SEVEN CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL LEADERS

#### A. Characteristic #1 – A Successful Leader Is A Dreamer

1. Successful leaders have great and noble dreams given by the Holy Spirit, which are the material with which they create their future. God opens their spiritual eyes to give them visions of what He wants them to do, and they receive assurance in their hearts that it is already achieved. They give no place to doubt.
2. They continually declare their dream or miracle as a reality in their life, as if it were something they already possessed. God strengthens their faith, and they will not rest until they see their dream accomplished.

#### B. Characteristic #2 – A Successful Leader Is A Person Of Faith

1. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).  
"But My righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be please with him" (Hebrews 10:38).  
"But without faith it is impossible to please Him..." (Hebrews 11:6).
2. Successful leaders dare to have faith and believe. Through faith they strengthen their relationship with God so that they can conquer and carry out their dreams.

3. Successful leaders live in the realm of faith, where the absurd and impossible are transformed into the possible. Faith is born in their heart and is more important than feelings. In fact, they do not rely on logic or feelings.
4. Faith takes them out of the human and natural realm and connects them to the invisible and eternal realm. Their faith opens up the heavens, moves them out of a world of failure and defeat, and puts them on the firm path of success and prosperity.

### **C. CHARACTERISTIC #3 – A Successful Leader Moves the Spiritual Realm When They Speak**

1. “But what does it say? ‘The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,’ that is the word of faith we are proclaiming” (Romans 8:10). Faith is in our heart and in our mouth!
2. Successful leaders understand that faith is spiritual, not intellectual. They don’t just hear the Word of God and let it stay in their minds as something intellectual. Neither do they simply confess Bible promises over and over without faith, thinking they will conquer with their minds something that is spiritual.
3. Successful leaders hear the Word of God and allow it to renew their minds. They treasure those words, which are Spirit and life, and allow them to penetrate deep into their hearts. This is where faith is born. In faith, strong confessions of the Word are then declared from the heart, shaking the spiritual realm and causing dreams and miracles to be conquered!

### **D. CHARACTERISTIC #4 – A Successful Leader Enables All Things To Be Possible**

1. Successful leaders understand that “Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6).
2. These important principles are what a successful leader embraces and activates in their lives to make all things possible:
  - The Bible is the only source capable of producing faith in the heart of man. The Bible is the living Word of God and will put you on the path of faith.
  - Faith will come when you have direct and constant contact with the Word. As you persevere in studying the Word and getting it into your heart, you will begin to hear God’s voice and faith will be born.
  - Faith transforms circumstances by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth! “For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved” (Romans 10:9).
  - Jesus cultivated intimacy with the Father. Because He remained in the Father’s presence, Jesus had a voice of authority that no one was able to resist. Nothing in the universe could oppose the authority of what Jesus said.

## **E. CHARACTERISTIC #5 – A Successful Leader Edifies, Lives and Reproduces Themselves In Others**

1. Successful leaders recognize the importance of raising up successors. The spiritual awakening in these last days needs new generations of leaders. These new leaders must be equipped to influence those who are being added to the church and who show an interest for taking the message of Christ to others.
2. When leaders achieve the level of commitment required, they are able to build up others who can continue what God has placed in their hearts and hands. This causes a chain reaction that continues growing—each committed leader becomes a link in the chain.
3. Successful leaders equip those who surround them, so that they can take their place at any given moment with the relevant knowledge and maturity needed. Commitment and competence are needed so that what has been achieved will not be weakened but will continue increasing.

## **F. CHARACTERISTIC #6 – A Successful Leader Has A Committed Team**

1. “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1).
2. People will do what they see their leader do; they will copy them and learn to persevere until they see results. A team that works shoulder to shoulder with their leader will be attentive to instructions because they want to be useful in the vision.
3. Without a committed team, leaders will end up doing more work than expected, running the risk of becoming very exhausted. Successful leaders build a committed team by setting an example and establishing norms of conduct worthy of following. A person is more likely to follow the leader who is engaged in the vision and lives out the process of ministerial growth alongside them. A true leader deserves to be imitated and is someone who doesn't just say, “Go!” That leader says, “Let's Go!”

## **G. CHARACTERISTIC #7 – A Successful Leader Has Lasting Leadership**

1. Effective leadership endures because of the followers who have been genuinely formed. Not one person on a leadership team that God entrusts a leader to is there out of sympathy. Every one of them must make the effort and conquer. The number of disciples being trained for leadership determines the measure of a leader's success.
2. True leadership does not come from a position or a status of authority, nor does it come from a professional title. Instead, it is the result of fruit. Successful leaders commit themselves to preparing leaders who are competent and committed to win, consolidate, disciple and send.
3. Speaking about success and effective leadership without allowing this to be transmitted and multiplied to other people is another form of failure.

## V. CONCLUSION

A successful leader never comes about by chance. They are shaped in the fire of testing and pain, and they are willing to pay the high price that their calling demands. They know that they have been chosen to serve God among the people, not to be served by the people. Successful leaders have decided to surrender their ego at the Lord's feet so they can be corrected whenever necessary, and they do not run away from the great challenges that life may bring!

