

Closing Comments

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I. Introduction.

A. The promises God gave came out of trial, difficulty, commitment and surrender.

B. God's promises for us are the anchor points of our lives.

C. Three dimensions of Biblical leadership.

1. Servant of Christ, steward His mission, shepherd of His people.

2. If any of the three are missing, Biblical leadership is not valid.

II. 1 Corinthians 4:1.

A. A Biblical leader is not a servant of people but God.

1. People will always disappoint.

2. It is for Jesus' sake that the Christian works.

3. Getting free of people allows us to truly serve them. (1 Corinthians 9:19)

4. The number one way to find the will of God is to be surrendered to whatever God wants.

5. Being a servant of Christ frees us from our critics.

6. David trusted that the Lord would take care of the people. (2 Samuel 3)

B. Getting alone with God.

1. God does not overwhelm—that is of the Devil.

2. The speaker takes at least an hour and a half, lists all the things that are bothering him and hands them over to the Lord one by one. Then he re-surrenders himself to God asking only that He would prompt Him.

C. We are stewards of a mission or task from God.

1. One ought to make sure that he gets his mission from God.

2. When one discovers his personal calling from God, he is to stay true to it.

III. Word to the new staff: success is never final and failure is never fatal.

IV. Discussion.

Application questions

1. What are the characteristics of the Biblical leader and why must all be included?

2. What is the speaker's recommendation for getting alone with God and how might this help you?

3. How does the speaker's final admonition make you feel? How does this impact your own thinking on leadership?
