

Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#4 Episode #9 Leading Yourself God's Way



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Leadership isn't just about being confident, getting the most out of people and achieving success. It's about leading the way God wants us to lead. That includes truly examining ourselves, stopping behaviors that hinder us and making choices that help us thrive. We will only lead in a godly way when we follow what the Scriptures tell us about ourselves and our image of God.

Introduction to Self-Leadership

Know Yourself

1 Timothy 4:16 - Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Corinthians 11:28 - Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

Managing Yourself

Philippians 1:9-10 - And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Proverbs 25:28 - Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

Behaviors That Hinder Leaders

What flows from a flawed image of God?

Self-Criticism

Philippians 4:6 - Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.

Self-Talk

Proverbs 23:7 - for he is the kind of person who is always thinking about the cost. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you.

Self-Reward

Colossians 3:23-24 - Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

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Choices that Enable Us to Thrive

Seeking and Choosing the Ways of God with Your Whole Heart

- Do only my Father's will
- Listen
- Surround yourself with courageous friends

Proverbs 8:18 - With me are riches and honor, enduring wealth and prosperity.

Jeremiah 29:13 - You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Isaiah 58:2 - For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

Solitude, Stillness and Silence

- Pray and Fast
- Abide - the Lord produces fruit
- Wait

Psalm 46:10 - He says, Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

John 15:5-7 - I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Ephesians 6:18 - I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

1 Samuel 12:23 - As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right.

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