

6-The Future of Leadership

It is important to train to be a leader, even if it's the leadership of a husband/father. If you have no leadership character developed in you and you become a leader, you have to make all the mistakes yourself and learn the hard way. Children who weren't trained by their parents to lead in the world as an adult are at a great disadvantage. Therefore, train your children in leadership – both boys and girls – so they have a strong foundation for their adult lives. They will all lead in one form or another.

Just as important as it is to train your children in character, fathers and mothers MUST model what they teach. The fallen state of humanity means that children are always looking for a way out of the discipline of training. They will pick you up on your mistakes and your double standards, using it as an excuse to rebel against your training.

Myles Monroe makes the point that “You can lead people only as far as you have gone yourself”. If you want to train other leaders or your children, you can only train them to the level you have grown to. Beyond that, they know you're faking it.

In regard to training future leaders, Myles writes:

“A future that includes strong, ethical leaders in our governments, businesses, educational institutions, civil organizations, and homes will be secured only by a return to character training and personal character development as our priority. Leaders must embrace this challenge and actively seek to change their ways if our nations are to move from a mind-set of corruption and compromise to an outlook of conviction and character. Instead of seeking political power or economic power or entertainment power or sports power, leaders should pursue political character or economic character or entertainment character or sports character.”¹

We must make character development a priority as the post-modern world we live in is mediocre in this area and the cause of the catastrophic failure of Western civilization this century. Morality and ethics are now considered to be relative, because the left-wing ideology has infiltrated our schools, media, homes and religious organisations. There are currently no absolutes and the 'flavour-of-the-month' drives society in a zigzag wander through time.

Myles goes on to state:

“Each of us must not only understand and implement the principles of leadership but also make a commitment to become established in character, adhering to a strong code of ethics. Then we must continually grow in the development of our character, so that we can have a positive and lasting impact on our generation and generations to come.”²

You see, leadership development and leadership itself are all about the generations that follow – that's the future of our nation or organisation. We MUST get this. Selfishness focusses us on ourselves and we fail to sow ourselves into the next generation. This is why fathering, mentoring, coaching and discipleship are critical in this time in history.

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