

LEADERSHIP

Leadership is about character. What is character? Part 2

In the last leadership lesson we discussed character. How it will make or break you. I wrote this statement:

Who you are inevitably shapes who you are.

My question for the lesson is:

Are we leaders of faith?

St Francis of Assisi said:

“Do few things, but do them well.”

Leaders in the Christian world need to be working each and every day at being their best to be leaders of faith. This is what we need to be doing well. If so, we will be blessed and truly be leaders of character.

FAITH! How much do I need to be this kind of leader? Just enough to take a step.

SINGLE STEP

At the climax of the *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Indiana Jones had to pass three supreme tests to reach the Holy Grail and save his father, who is dying. The first test is “The Breath of God.” As he walks down a corridor, Indiana must bow down at precisely the right moment to keep from having his head cut off by large, revolving metal blades.

The second test is “The Word of God.” Jones must walk on just the right stones – the ones that spell God’s name in Latin – to keep from falling through the floor to his death.

But the third test, “The Path of God,” is the most difficult. Indiana comes to the edge of a large chasm – about a hundred feet across and a thousand feet down. On the other side of the chasm is the doorway to the Holy Grail. The instructions say, “Only in the leap from the ions head, will he prove his worth.”

Indiana says to himself, “It’s impossible. Nobody can jump this.” Then he realizes that this test requires a leap of faith. His father says, “You must believe, boy. You must believe!” Even though every nerve and fiber of his being screams that he must do it, Indiana walks to the edge of the cliff ... lifts his foot ... and then steps out onto thin air – hoping that somehow he won’t end up like Wile E. Coyote in the “Roadrunner” cartoons.

If you have seen the movie you know what happens next. Indiana does not plummet to his death, but is upheld by an invisible force.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God,” the writer of Hebrews says.

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HERE'S THE DEAL: If we can do faith well, we will go places with our leadership that we could not even imagine before. We have to be willing to take the first step. If we don't take the first step, we will never know. Here are a couple of simple reminders for us.

Mark 4:39: As we face the battles of leadership, Jesus will say the same to those things we need help with ***Peace be still.***

Joshua 1:9: As leaders we have been called to go into new territories. He will give us the strength & courage we need.

I love this quote:

Someone will be at the top of the heap, and it will probably be the company, individual that pays the most attention to quality.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS – our quality is our faith. Be strong & courageous for the Lord.