

One of the overlooked factors of leadership is the factor of worship. Our scrip. lists singers and worshippers.

I. LEADERSHIP AND WORSHIP

A. The Bible is careful to note the connection between leadership and worship

1. Not an accident leaders are worshippers
 - a. Abraham: The friend of God *Gen 22:5 I will go and worship*
 - b. Joshua: Worshipped when angel appeared
 - c. David: A heart after God; Wrote man Psalms of worship – I will worship/I do worship!
 1. When brought the ark/presence of God: He danced with enthusiasm!
 - d. Solomon: Records his worship in the dedication of the temple
 - e. Paul: In his writings he begins/ends – and suddenly breaks into worship
2. This is not accidental: Worship is a fundamental/important part of leadership!

II. DIMENSIONS OF WORSHIP

A. Worship is at it's core expressing love for God

1. You will not be a good leader if you don't love God!
 - a. Abraham: The friend of God
 - b. David: A heart after God
 1. *Exodus 33:11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.*
2. Your love for God is evident – and determines our impact
 - a. Some guys don't like God – and that is what they transmit
 1. People are not drawn to God – but pushed away from God

B. A leader must be involved in public worship

1. It is a mistake to view worship as a program
 - a. *Make a little noise – get through this; That's just what we do until the preaching*
2. The Levites were seen to be worshipping – they were known to be worshipping
 - a. *Nehemiah 11:22 ... Uzzi the son of Bani...the singers in charge of the service of the house of God.*
 1. **An example is set for others**
 - a. *I see Dads who don't really sing/worship: The kids see that! Plays out in their lives*
 - b. *True of churches*
 2. **An atmosphere is created:**
 - a. A supernatural dimension that affects others when they come into the temple/church

C. Worship is an important part of prayer

1. While you are praying – you are to give thanks and praise God
 - a. *Colossians 4:2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;*
2. Actually this is a vocal declaration of faith: I know that you are able to do this!
 - a. A recognition of who God is – and what he has promised
 1. *Nehemiah 1:5 And I said: "I pray, LORD God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments,*
 - b. Thanking God in advance of the answer to prayer
 1. I thank God for what you are going to do: I believe what I'm praying is going to happen
 - a. *John 11:41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.*

D. Worship is a crucial factor in trouble

1. You will experience trouble/problems/reversals in life & ministry
 - a. This will produce emotions/feelings
 1. *1 Sam 30:4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.*
2. Your reaction will determine what happens to you
 - a. For some – they are constantly ruled by & derailed by emotions
3. Your reaction will determine your ability to lead
 - a. Aggressively turning to God – even though you may not feel like it
 1. *Prayer*
 2. *Reading your Bible*
 3. *Praising God and worshipping in front of others*
 - b. This encourages people & makes them want to follow you
 - c. This gives them a pattern to follow in times of trouble