



ON MISSION MARTIAL ARTS

INSTRUCTOR TRAINING ACADEMY

(Lesson 1)



"God-centered Leadership"

Should we aspire to leadership?

Read 1 Timothy 3:1 and Jeremiah 45:5

Read Chapter One in *"Spiritual Leadership"*

(Page 14, from Spiritual Leadership): *"The prophet was not condemning all ambition as sinful, but he was pointing to selfish motivation that makes ambition wrong – "great things for **yourself**." Desiring to be great is not a sin. It is motivation that determines ambition's character. Our Lord never taught against the urge to high achievement, but He did expose and condemn unworthy motivation."*

Ambition that centers on the glory of God and welfare of the church is a mighty force for good. (Page 15, SL)

Spiritual leaders are not elected, appointed, or created by synods or assemblies. God alone makes them. (Page 18, SL)

What is leadership? Leadership is INFLUENCE. This is the ability of one person to influence others to follow his or her lead.

DISCUSS:

1. Tell about a time you aspired to be a leader in some area of life. What position did you aspire to? What happened?
2. Do you think we have enough God-centered leaders today?
3. If God alone makes leaders, do we even need leadership training?
4. What do you think might be some of the differences between a secular leader admired in the business/political world and a God-chosen, God-centered, Spirit-led leader?
5. What might be something in you that you will need to restrain to become an increasingly effective, God-centered leader?
6. What is the one thing that you have learned today that you will take with you when you leave?