



URGENTLY DEVOTED

RECOGNIZING TRUE SPIRITUAL LEADERS
2 CORINTHIANS 11:5-11

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1. Treasure _____

(vv.5-6)

2 Cor. 11:5 *Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. 6 Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things. 7 Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? 8 I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. 9 And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. 11 And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do! (ESV)*

2. Value _____

(vv.7-9)

3. Commit _____

(vv.10-11)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Ezra 7:9-11**. How does the description of Ezra's life and preparation make him exactly the kind of leader God's people needed as they returned to a land they had lost through disobedience?
2. Read **Acts 20:26-28**. What does a pastor's pattern of avoiding difficult biblical topics reveal about him, and what is the spiritual danger for those sitting under his leadership?
3. Read **2 Timothy 2:3-4, 10**. Paul calls leaders to endure hardship like a soldier — fully devoted and undistracted. Why do you imagine that kind of sacrifice and endurance is so essential for those who lead and preach in the church today?
4. Read **1 Samuel 12:3-5**. Samuel has great integrity when it comes to money and personal gain. What specific hazards come to church leaders who are greedy and materialistic, and why does coveting inevitably undermine effective ministry?
5. Read **John 10:11-13**. Jesus draws a sharp contrast between the true shepherd and the hireling — one stays when it's difficult him, the other doesn't. What does that distinction call you to look for in your leaders and to emulate in your own life?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 19-31 – **Coached by the Right Leaders**
Msg. 11-30 – **Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries**
Msg. 20-42 – **The Fear of God & Our Leaders**
Msg. 07-36 – **Deference Instead of Autonomy**
Msg. 09-10 – **Highly Committed Participants: Serving God with Excellence**
Msg. 12-64 – **The Headship of Christ & Pastoral Leadership**
Msg. 02-29 – 02-33 – **People Who Make a Difference** (a five-part series)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

April 26th 2Sam.15-16 & Lk.20:27-47
April 27th 2Sam.17-18 & Lk.21:1-19
April 28th 2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38
April 29th 2Sam.21-22 & Lk.22:1-30
April 30th 2Sam.23-24 & Lk.22:31-53
May 1st 1Kgs.1-2 & Lk.22:54-71
May 2nd 1Kgs.3-5 & Lk.23:1-26
May 3rd 1Kgs.6-7 & Lk.23:27-38

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Dallimore, Arnold. **George Whitefield (Abridged): God's Servant in the Revivals of the 18th Century**. Crossway, 1990.
Dobson, Lorna. **Caring for Your Pastor: Helping God's Servant to Minister with Joy**. Kregel Publications, 2001.
Dorsett, Lyle W. **A Passion for Souls: The Life of D. L. Moody**. Moody Press, 1997.
Laniak, Timothy S. **Shepherds After My Own Heart: Pastoral Traditions and Leadership in the Bible**. IVP, 2006.
Murray, Iain H. **The Life of Martyn Lloyd-Jones**. Banner of Truth, 2013.
Piper, John. **21 Servants of Sovereign Joy: Faithful, Flawed, and Fruitful**. Crossway, 2018.
Sanders, J. Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.
Sauls, Scott. **From Weakness to Strength: Vulnerabilities that Can Bring Out the Best in Your Leadership**. Cook, 2017.
Spurgeon, Charles H. **Lectures to My Students**. Hendrickson Publications, 2010.
Stott, John R. W. **Basic Christian Leadership**. InterVarsity Press, 2006.
Swindoll, Charles R. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Word, 2002.
Wiersbe, Warren W. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.
Woodbridge, John D., ed. **Great Leaders of the Christian Church**. Moody Press, 1988.