

## Answers: Lesson FIVE: CLI Leadership Bible Study

*How to positively influence the attitudes and actions of others for Jesus Christ*

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Lesson 5: Leading by Example**

#### **Lesson 5: Leading by Example** (Day One) *Good or Bad Example*

1. Why did the rafters stop obeying the rules when they saw the example of the leader?

The rafters paid more attention to the actions (example) of what the leader was doing rather than what he said. Simply when the leaders stopped obeying the rules so did the rafters.

2. Did the leader-guide display a good or bad example?

Bad example

3. Why does what you do, rather than what you say, have a greater impact on people?

People can see and understand actions or behaviors better than a list of instructions; the majority of people learn visually. In addition, what a person actually does tells others what he or she actually believes.

*He had also built high places on the hills of Judah and had caused the people of Jerusalem to prostitute themselves and had led Judah astray. 2 Chronicles 21:11*

**Definitions:** The high places were elevated sites on hills or mountains that were dedicated to worshipping false gods.<sup>1</sup> An idol is something or someone worshipped other than God. In the Old Testament idols are usually carved images or statues of some kind.

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<sup>1</sup> The average high place would have an altar, a carved wooden pole that depicted the female goddess of fertility (Asherah), a stone pillar symbolizing the male deity, other idols and some type of building. At these places of worship the people sacrificed animals and at some high places even sacrificed children. – Butler, Trent C., *Holman Bible Dictionary*, Nashville, TN, 1991, 645.

4. Read 2 Chronicles 21:11. What kind of an example did Jehoram, king of Judah, give God's people by building the high places?

Bad example. Jehoram had led the people away from God into idolatry (idol worship).

5. After considering how your example affects others, list one thing about your behavior that you recognize will have to change?

Personal Answer

6. How might we pray for you in regard to your answer in question 5?

Bible Minister: please let the Holy Spirit lead you in praying for your learner's request and write here that you have prayed. Thank you.

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**Personal Application:**

7. Ask God to show you someone who has a bad habit or sinful pattern that needs your help. Connect with that person as God leads, share your own struggles and successes in Christ and ask if you might pray for him or her. However, remain cautious that you are not tempted to sin (Galatians 6:1). Share what happened:

Personal Answer

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*The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.<sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. John 12:25*

8. Read John 12:25. To serve Jesus, be where He is, and receive honor from God the Father, what must we do?

Whoever serves Jesus must **follow** Him.

**Read Luke 9:22-24 and answer questions 9-11:**

*And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."<sup>24</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. Luke 9:22-24*

(Underlining in the answer sheets are for the Bible Minister's benefit in reviewing lessons. Any underlining in the Lesson, which is different than the answer sheets, is for emphasis and the learner's benefit.)

9. What was the example that Jesus set for us (v. 22)?

Jesus suffered in many things and was rejected by the religious leaders. He was also killed (crucified) in obedience to the Father's will.

10. Do you think following Jesus is easy or difficult (v.23)? Why?

Personal Answer

11. What beneficial effect did Jesus' example of leadership into death gain for us (v.24)?

We gain life and are saved from sin and death.

FYI - Other references John 3:16, 36; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

### Lesson 5: Leading by Example (Day Two) The Light of your Example

Read John 8:12 and answer questions 12-14:

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

**Definition:** Darkness is the absence of light. In the Bible it is used in both real and figurative (representative) ways. Darkness symbolizes chaos, sin, ignorance, judgment and punishment.

12. Who is the *light of the world*?

Jesus

13. How do you have the *light of life*?

Jesus says that whoever follows Him will have the light of life.

Hopefully the learner will say that he or she has the light of life because he or she is following Jesus.

14. For those who follow Jesus, what promise do you have about darkness?

Will never walk in darkness or sin. (Note: We continue to sin, but confess and do not live in sin)

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6*

15. Read 2 Corinthians 4:6. After considering the simple and complex nature of light, what meaning does this verse have for you personally?

Personal Answer

**Read Matthew 5:14-16 and answer questions 16-18:**

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16*

16. Read Matthew 5:14-16. Who else does Jesus say is the light of the world?

Me, You, Disciples, Christians

17. Why do you think Jesus says that *you* are light of the world?

Personal Answer but something like this: I have the light of Christ inside of me as a believer and can share the good news (gospel) that leads others out of darkness and into the light and into a relationship with God.

18. When your good deeds are recognized, who should receive the credit (honor)? Why?

Our triune God should received all the credit because all of our ability and power comes from Him Without Jesus we can do nothing.

FYI: Notes from this Lesson 5:

Matthew 5:16 says that we are to let others see our good deeds so that they may praise our Father in heaven. Our light and good works come from God. Without Him each one of us is like a single, unconnected, light bulb. We have no power, no energy and no illumination; we have no value or use. Rightly, God is praised for the deeds He has enabled us to do. For without Jesus, we can do nothing (John 15:5).

19. How do you respond when you are complimented for a kindness or good deed?

Personal Answer

FYI: Notes from this Lesson 5:

If you do not already, consider responding or volunteering an answer like these. "Thank you; it is Jesus who enables me to help you." "It is my pleasure to help as I try to honor God." "God just wanted you to know that He loves you." "Jesus is my example and I follow Him."

**Read John 3:19-21 and answer questions 20-24:**

*This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.<sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.<sup>21</sup> But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.  
John 3:19-21*

**20.** Why do men love darkness instead of light (v.19)?

Because their deeds were evil

**21.** Who hates the light (v.20)?

Everyone who does evil hates the light

**22.** Why won't evildoers come into the light (v.20)?

Will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed

**23.** Jesus says that whoever lives by the truth comes into the light so that it may be seen plainly what he has done has been done through God (v.21).

**Definition:** The word born refers to one's physical birth. "Born again" refers to the spiritual rebirth of human hearts by the Holy Spirit's action and the profession of faith in Christ. Being born again results in a transformed life and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Salvation (saved from death and sin) is another term for being born again.

**24.** What lessons can we learn from Nicodemus' example of leadership?

Personal Answer but: Nicodemus was not giving a good example of leadership. He wasn't able to clearly recognize and follow Jesus. At this point he was in danger of leading God's people astray. Thus we should learn to keep our eyes on Jesus and our hearts open to God's plan for us. We should not be so set in our ways that we miss something new that the Lord may be doing. We should be so secure in our relationship with God that we can openly ask questions to clarify situations and get to the truth.

**Lesson 5: Leading by Example (Day Three) Battling for the Good Example**

**Definition:** Tempt is verb meaning to invite or try to persuade a person to sin by making the wrongdoing seem attractive.

God not only allowed Jesus to be tempted, but it was part of His plan. Many times it is also God's plan for Christians to be tempted. However, God is not the one who tempts but only allows the devil to do the tempting (James 1:13). In these cases, God is using the serpent and his temptations for His glory and our good.

**Read Matthew 4:1-4 and answer questions 25-26:**

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:1-4*

25. How long had Jesus gone without food? **40 days and 40 nights**

26. Was Jesus hungry? **Yes** No (Circle One) Have you ever been hungry? Yes No (Circle One)

27. How does your example hold up when you are hungry or tired?

**Personal Answer**

28. Why did Jesus not give into His feelings of hunger and take the devil's suggestion?

**Jesus put God above His hunger and followed His will and plan. This is what it means that man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from God.**

29. Is there any kind of temptation that you are struggling with? Yes No Sometimes

**Personal Answer**

30. If you answered yes or sometimes for #29: What steps are you taking to overcome this temptation?

**Personal Answer**

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7*

31. In your opinion or personal experience, what is the most difficult aspect of resisting the devil?

**Personal Answer**

32. How do you overcome or triumph when you are in a difficult situation?

**Personal Answer**

**FYI: Suggestions from this Lesson 5:**

In the Matthew 4 account of Jesus' temptation, our Lord quoted Scripture (Bible verses). We can also oppose Satan and his followers by meditating on or quoting from the Holy Scriptures. Another suggestion and a handy way is to have Scripture available at all times is to write out verses on index cards or paper. Make them large enough to read easily but small enough to fit into your pocket or purse. When you begin to have wrong, sinful or depressing thoughts, take those cards and start reading and thinking about what God is saying.

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**33. Personal Application:** Write from memory without looking at the Bible or notes:

**Joshua 1:9:** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Deuteronomy 31:6:** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

**Romans 8:15:** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father.

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**Lesson 5: Leading by Example** (Day Four) Setting the Example

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 1 Peter 5:2 -3*

**34.** Read 1 Peter 5:2-3. Peter commands the elders among the church to be \_\_\_shepherds\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_flock\_\_\_ that is under your \_\_\_care\_\_\_ serving as \_\_\_\_\_ overseers \_\_\_\_\_ not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to \_\_\_serve\_\_\_; not \_\_\_lording\_\_\_ \_\_\_it\_\_\_ over those entrusted to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ examples \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_flock\_\_\_\_\_.

*And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. 1 Peter 5:4*

**35.** Read 1 Peter 5:4. When the Chief Shepherd Jesus returns, what will faithful leaders and those good examples to the flock receive?

**The faithful will receive a crown of glory or a crown of righteousness. We will also receive the gift of the presence of God because we have been made righteous in Christ.**

*Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.<sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:5-7*

36. Read 1 Peter 5:5-7. Name some practical ways that you can be submissive (yield, agree, defer) to those who are older than you?

Personal Answer but: listen, consider and apply their wisdom, show respect, do not patronize, do not ignore but seek their company, do what they ask if it does not go against God's laws or will.

**Read 1 Peter 2:20-24 and answer questions 37-39:**

*But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.<sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.<sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 1 Peter 2:20-24*

37. In this passage Peter was giving advice to first century slaves. However the principle is appropriate in Christian leadership today. When you are doing good, and then you are mistreated and suffer unjustly for it, how are you to respond?

Endure (tolerate, bear) it without complaining or taking revenge.

38. Who suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps?

Jesus Christ

39. Share a time in your Christian walk when you suffered for following in Jesus' steps?

Personal Answer

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40. **Personal Application:** Write from memory without looking at the Bible or notes:

**1 Peter 2:21:** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Critical to walking in Jesus' steps and following His example is entrusting yourself to God. During the next day, meditate on how well you give yourself over to God for His direction, guidance, protection, comfort, care and performance.

41. What is missing in your complete trust and dependence on God?

Personal Answer

42. How can we pray for you?

Bible Minister: please let the Holy Spirit lead you in praying for your learner's request and write here that you have prayed. Thank you.

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**Lesson 5: Leading by Example** (Day Five) Follow my Example

*Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.* 1 Corinthians 11:1

**43.** Read 1 Corinthians 11:1. Are you ready to say like Paul, *Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ?* Yes No (Circle one) **Explain your answer:**

**Personal Answer**

*Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.* Philippians 3:17

**44.** What does Paul tell the Philippians in 3:17 to take note of?

**Take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.**

**45.** What did Perpetua encourage the other Christians to do?

**To stand fast in the faith and love one another.**

**46.** Do you think Perpetua was a leader in God's Kingdom? Why or Why not?

**Personal Answer but yes because her example of love and sacrifice for Christ is still written and talked about.**

**47.** Both the noble woman and slave woman died the same death in standing firm for Christ. Does your birth status, gender, wealth, natural intelligence, athletic ability, artistic talents or sparkling personality give you an edge in leadership in God's Kingdom? Explain your answer.

**No. God creates, He calls and He empowers. To God be the glory and no one else. God is not a respecter of persons nor does He show favoritism.**

<sup>NIV</sup> **Ephesians 6:9** And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

<sup>NIV</sup> **Acts 10:34** Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism

<sup>KJV</sup> **Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

*I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The LORD is our God.'* Zechariah 13:9

**48.** Read Zechariah 13:9. How are you being refined (purified, improved)?

**Personal Answer**

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**49. Personal Application:** Be an example of Jesus today. What did you do and what happened?

**Personal Answer**

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**Next: Lesson 6: Be Filled with the Holy Spirit**

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