



Membership † Discipleship † **Leadership**

Proverbs 29:2 *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."*

I am a leader of _____.

A person who can influence, inspire and inform others by providing wisdom and understanding to reach a particular purpose. A leader must trust in the LORD with all their heart, lean not on their own understanding; in all their ways acknowledge Him, and allow Him to direct their paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

"Iron Sharpens Iron"

Don't Hurt Your Help!

† Proverbs 4:7 *"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding"*

During this "Keys to the Kingdom" experience, you should have had an encounter with Jesus that changed your life. An encounter with Jesus Christ will make you more effective, efficient and effulgent in ministering to others. Being a leader in the Kingdom of God requires you to gain an understanding and use wisdom concerning Christianity. He who walks with the wise will be wise (Prov. 13:20a). Proverbs 27:17 says *"As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."* What does this scripture mean to you personally and how can you apply it your life to maintain healthy relationships?

Use discernment so that you will not lose yourself in superficial relationships. God desires for us to be engaged in relevant relationships that allow us to sharpen one another. Being comfortable with constructive criticism to conquer conflict may be difficult at first but in the end the results are rewarding. As we strive to please God, there will be times when we fall short of His expectations (Rom. 3:23). Healthy correction is good, and if you accept it, you will be wise (Prov. 15:31). Those that are connected to us have a responsibility to help us identify those critical areas that we need to correct. Galatians 6:1 tells us that if another believer is overcome by some sin, those who are Godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. It's disheartening when people fall into the same sin that they've tried to pull someone else out of. Is there currently someone in your life that is willing to help you identify those areas that require improvement? Does this person provide a safe place for the truth to be revealed and shared? In what ways are you able to help them as they help you? Iron sharpens iron so you both should benefit from the relationship.

† Romans 12:2 “... be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

We were created to be helpers one to another. When God sends you someone to help you, how do you think it makes Him feel that you would hurt the very help that He sends? Ephesians 4: 16 says “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” When we’re unified, it causes the body to grow. Only God can perfectly join and knit together those who’ll fulfill a particular purpose that glorifies Him. Sharpening the Spiritual abilities in someone else should be an assignment that we embrace since we have purified our souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love for one another with a pure heart (1 Pet. 1:22). In Genesis 2:18 the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” As you study and pray about this scripture, have you received new revelations concerning your relationships?

As a leader, you have to be engage with various people on a daily basis. You cannot be bias because we don’t get to select who God will choose for use to sharpen. What makes you reluctant to connect with some people? How does it feel when you wish to connect with someone and you’re rejected? 1 Peter 2 assures us that when we’re rejected by men, we’re still chosen by God. God promised to send us help. Therefore, we cannot hurt the help that God sends to us. How do you identify those whom have come to help and those that have come to hurt? Study scriptures that will encourage you to sharpen the Spirituality attributes in someone else.

† Psalm 119:11 “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	Which Bible verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Hebrews 10-13	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	James 1-3	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	James 4-5	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Peter 1-5	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Peter 1-3	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 John 1-3	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 John 4-5	

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