

SEVEN QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP JUDGES 6 - 8

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Introduction:

The great need of this generation is spiritual leadership. This is the cry of our nation, state, city, neighborhood, business, schools, churches, and families. You will be called upon to be a leader. Important results will be determined by how you answer that call. A study of Gideon's leadership in this story will provide us insights that will prepare us for leadership.

1. IT WAS A DEVELOPED LEADERSHIP

A. Small assignments were given and completed. (6:11, 19-24) Threshing wheat for his father and obeying God in sacrificing to Jehovah.

B. Larger assignments followed the smaller. (6:25-27) Over turning the alter of Baal, cutting down the grove.

C. Great assignments followed the larger.
Overthrowing Midian, becoming judge over Israel

D. All leadership is developed leadership.

2. IT WAS A DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP

A. Because Gideon led by example.

B. Because Gideon led in the Spirit's power.
(Judges 6:34, John 15:5)

3. IT WAS A DELIBERATE LEADERSHIP

A. Gideon was cautious - because of humility, or distrust of self.

B. Gideon didn't presume

1. With an angel (6:17-22)

2. With the fleece (6:36-49)

3. With the battle against Midian (7:1-25)

C. Our deliberation must be in God's Word,
because no signs are needed today to
determine God's leadership.

4. IT WAS A DIRECTED LEADERSHIP

- A. In sacrifice (6:18-21)
- B. In overthrowing Baal worship (6:25-31)
- C. In overthrowing Midian (7:1-25)

5. IT WAS A DISCERNING LEADERSHIP

- A. Gideon didn't alienate Ephraim (8:1-3)
- B. He was sensitive to Ephraim. (8:1-3)

6. IT WAS A DETERMINED LEADERSHIP

- A. Pursued even though weary (8:4, 11)
- B. Pursued until final victory was assured. (8:11)

7. IT WAS A DEVOTED LEADERSHIP

- A. Gideon gave God all the glory (8:22-23)
- B. Gideon wanted the Lord of his life to be the Lord of Israel's life. (8:22-23)