
Pre-Class Readings

Spiritual Leadership Essentials

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Reading 1: (~20 pages equivalent)

Nehemiah 1:1-7:4

Question: List five leadership principles you learn from Nehemiah.

Note: Nehemiah provides one of the clearest examples of godly leadership in the Bible, as he leads the people in spiritual and practical steps to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

Reading 2: (about 25 pages)

Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders

Chapter 3 The Master's Master Principle (servanthood)

Chapter 5: Criteria of Leadership Potential

Chapter 14: Improving Leadership Potential

Note: Written in the 1960s, this book is considered a modern classic on Christian Leadership.

Amazon Link: https://www.amazon.ca/Spiritual-Leadership-J-Oswald-Sanders/dp/0802416705/ref=sr_1_1?crid=Q4L7NG3T9Q26&keywords=spiritual+leadership+sanders&qid=1672519031&s=books&sprefix=spiritual+leadership+sanders%2Cstripbooks%2C78&sr=1-1

Chapters Link: <https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/spiritual-leadership-principles-of-excellence/9780802416704-item.html?ikwid=spiritual+leadership+sanders&ikwsec=Home&ikwidx=0#algoliaQueryId=f26a2b9148840e61aebd627e9e976d29>

Reading 3: (45-50 pages)

The 21 Qualities of Leaders in the Bible by John Maxwell

-Lesson 1: Character

-Lesson 3: Commitment

-Lesson 4: Communication

-Lesson 10: Initiative

Questions: Please complete the Q&A sections at the end of each lesson.

Note: Maxwell has written many books about leadership including his famous *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*. I chose this book, *The 21 Qualities of Leaders in the Bible*, due to the emphasis on character and leadership qualities, and the workbook format that illustrates each quality using the Bible and study questions.

Amazon Link: https://www.amazon.ca/Qualities-Leaders-Bible-Leadership-Scripture/dp/0310086280/ref=sr_1_1?

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