

Leaders and Their Legacies

Acts 20:17-38

Leaders with the largest legacies always setup successors behind them, demonstrate a blend of personal humility and unparalleled courage, and fight the right fight.

1. They Setup Successors

- Impact of a Few
- Impact in Absence

“Often the crowd doesn’t recognize a leader until he has gone, and then they build a monument for him with the stone they threw at him.”

“I want to be able to look out from my porch at one of the great companies in the world someday and be able to say, ‘I used to work there.’”

Who are you leaving behind?

2. They are Humble

“Compared to high-profile leaders with big personalities who make headlines and become celebrities, the good-to-great leaders seem to have come from Mars. Self-effacing, quiet, reserved, even shy – these leaders are a paradoxical blend of personal humility and professional will. They are more like Lincoln and Socrates than Patton or Ceasar.” – Jim Collins’ *Good to Great*

- Character is Clear
- Character is Consistent

Who are you behind closed doors?

3. They are Courageous

- Emotionally
- Adversity
- Uncertainty
- Insecurity

“If any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.” - 1 Timothy 3:1

“It is not that [good-to-great] leaders have no ego or self-interest. Indeed, they are incredibly ambitious – but their ambition is first & foremost for the institution, not themselves.” - Jim Collins

For what are you ambitious?

4. They Fight the Right Fight

- Not Just 1 Cause
- But Most Important

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God.”

- With Right Weapons