# THAT MAN IS YOU!

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

## SESSION 5

# Steadfast Leadership



#### Fulfilling Authentic Male Leadership

Political Leadership
Foundation for Future

Moral Leadership
Personal Responsibility

Sacrifice

The willingness to pay the price.

Economic Leadership Foundation for Future

Military Leadership
Clarity of Thought
Integrity of Action





To become an authentic leader, you must maintain clarity of thought and integrity of action.





#### The Story of King Solomon



- Born approximately 1000 B.C.
- Second son born to King David and Bathsheba.
- Through the intercession of Bathsheba, King David appoints him as successor.
- Reigns 40 years (971 931 B.C.).
- Israel experiences great peace, prosperity and influence.



I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes ... that the Lord may establish his word which he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel.'

1 Kings 2:1-4



The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, '... Give thy servant therefore an understanding mind to govern thy people, that I may discern between good and evil' ... And God said to him, '... I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind ... I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor.

1 Kings 3:5-14



King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel [were] sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered ... a cloud filled the house of the Lord ... for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon said, '... O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee ... Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments.'

1 Kings 8:1-61



I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me ... I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind ... I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine ... I made great works ... whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure ... and behold all was vanity and a striving after wind ... so I hated life ... and gave my heart up to despair.

Ecclesiastes 1:16 – 2:20



Now King Solomon loved many foreign women ... Solomon clung to these in love ... and when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.

1 Kings 11:1-8



And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing ... Therefore the Lord said to Solomon, 'since this has been your mind ... I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. Yet for the sake of David your father I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.'

1 Kings 11:9-13





Saints can become great leaders because they remain steadfastly united to God.





#### Mother Teresa of Calcutta



- 1910: Born August 26th in Albania.
- 1918: Death of Father.
- 1928: Joins Sister of Loreto in Ireland.
- 1929: Arrives in India.
- 1946: Inspiration on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 1948: Enters slums on August 17th.
- 1950: Founds Missionaries of Charity.
- 1979: Wins Noble Peace Prize.
- 1997: Dies on September 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2003: Beatified on October 20<sup>th</sup>.



By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus.

Mother Teresa



You have become my Spouse for my love – you have come to India for Me. The thirst you had for souls brought you so far. Are you afraid to take one more step for your Spouse – for Me – for souls? Is your generosity grown cold – am I a second to you?

Jesus to Mother Teresa



For me it is so clear — everything in the Missionaries of Charity exists only to satiate Jesus. His words on the wall of every Missionaries of Charity chapel, they are not from [the] past only, but alive here and now, spoken to you.

Jesus to Mother Teresa



#### Clarity of Thought for Mother Teresa

- "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40).
- "They are Jesus. Each one is Jesus in a distressing disguise" (Mother Teresa).



#### Integrity of Action for Mother Teresa

- "To bring souls to God and God to souls."
- "To be Indian to live with them like them so as to get at the people's heart."
- Perfect poverty: Own absolutely nothing. Even the clothes are kept in common.
- Live in poverty: No carpeting. No hot water. No servants. Perform own housework.
- Eat with the poor they serve.



We are not social workers. We may be doing social work in the eyes of some people, but we must be contemplatives in the heart of the world.

Mother Teresa



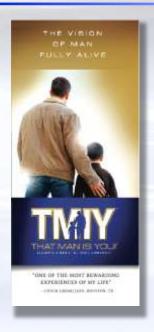


The issue is the adoration of God. With Mother Teresa, we must learn to find and adore him in the midst of the world.





#### Small Group Discussion



#### **Starter Questions**

- 1. When have you lost focus and what were the consequences?
- 2. How do you make sure that all your actions help you fulfill your fundamental purpose?

Next Week
Attaining Clarity of Thought



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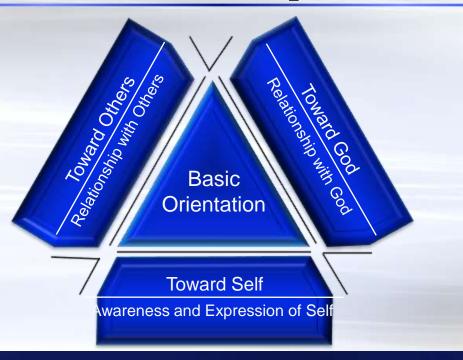
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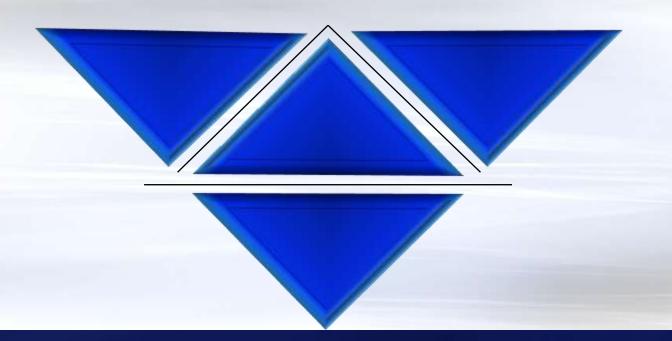
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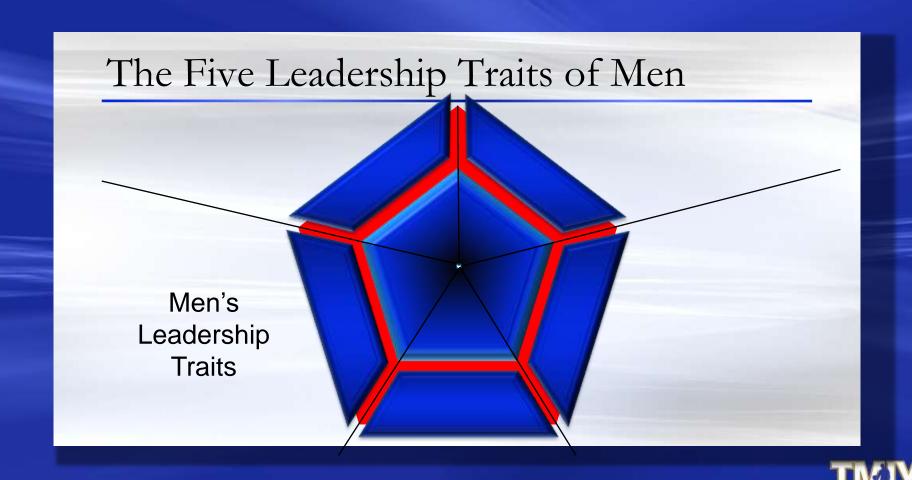












#### The Five Leadership Traits of Men





#### Sustainable Socio-economic Model





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