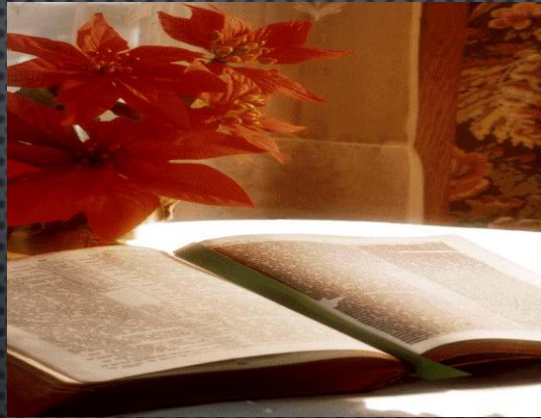
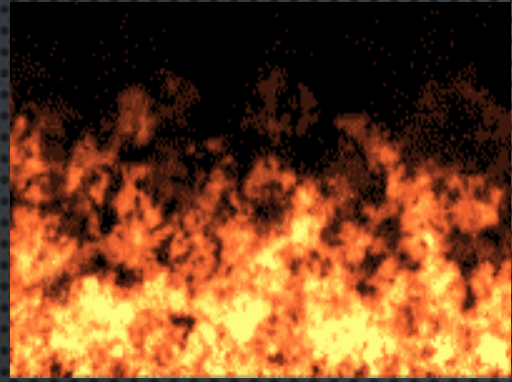


# LEADERSHIP PROFILES FROM GOD'S WORD



## ABIMELECH: A PICTURE OF SELF- PROMOTION

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# OVERALL PURPOSE OF THIS SERIES ON LEADERSHIP PROFILES

TO UNDERSTAND AND LEARN FROM VARIOUS LEADERSHIP PROFILES SO THAT YOU CAN:

- BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND ANOINTED IN YOUR AREA OF INFLUENCE
- ADAPT AND BENCHMARK YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE AND PRACTICES ON SOME OF THE BEST LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES DISCUSSED IN THIS SERIES.
- USE THESE MATERIAL TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF EVANGELISM AND END GOSPEL POVERTY.

# **COMMITMENT**

**TO TEACH THESE MATERIALS TO, AT LEAST, 15  
OTHER PEOPLE.**

# PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE

PSALM 86:9-12

TEACH ME YOUR WAY O LORD, AND I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH; GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART, THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME. I WILL PRAISE YOU O LORD MY GOD WITH ALL MY HEART; I WILL GLORIFY YOUR NAME FOREVER.



# OBJECTIVES



- 1. PARTICIPANTS WILL EXPLORE THE DANGERS OF SELF PROMOTION IN THE LONG RUN.
- 2. PARTICIPANTS WILL BECOME AWARE OF CERTAIN DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR A LEADER.
- 3. PARTICIPANTS WILL SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING GOD'S VIEW ON YOUR CAREER CHOICE.

# AT FIRST GLANCE: ABIMELECH

- IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR LEADERSHIP.
- GIFTED COMMUNICATOR.
- SKILLED TACTICIAN.
- HE SET HIS HEART ON BECOMING THE RULER OF HIS PEOPLE.
- HE HAD A PASSION TO LEAD
- STUDY JUDGES 9: 1-57.

# PASSION DOES NOT MEET FITNESS

- FROM THE TIME OF HIS FATHER GIDEON'S PASSED AWAY, AMBITIOUS ABIMELECH KEPT HIS EYE ON THE THRONE.
- HE USED HIS ABILITIES TO GAIN POWER.
- HE NEVER SOUGHT GOD'S VIEW OF HIS CAREER CHOICE.

# **ABIMELECH ACT RECKLESSLY**

**HE HIRED WORTHLESS MEN TO ENFORCE HIS WILL AND  
HE MURDERED 70 POTENTIAL RIVALS- HIS OWN  
BROTHERS.**



# **ABIMELECH ACT RECKLESSLY**

**FROM THIS MOMENT, GOD DETERMINED TO JUDGE  
BOTH ABIMELECH AND HIS SUPPORTERS.**

# ABIMELECH DISQUALIFICATIONS

- **ARROGANCE**
- **DISOBEDIENCE**
- **DISHONESTY**
- **SELF WILL**
- **SELF –PROMOTING POWERS**

# **SELF-PROMOTION**

**THIS WILL WORK IN THE SHORT RUN,  
BUT OVER THE LONG HAUL, GOD  
MAKES SURE THAT IF FALLS.**

# **GODLY LEADERS MUST REMINDE THEMSELVES**

**HUMBLE YOURSELF UNDER THE MIGHTY  
HAND OF GOD THAT HE MAY EXALT YOU  
IN DUE TIME. 1 PETRUS 5: 6**

# **CLOSING COMMENTS**

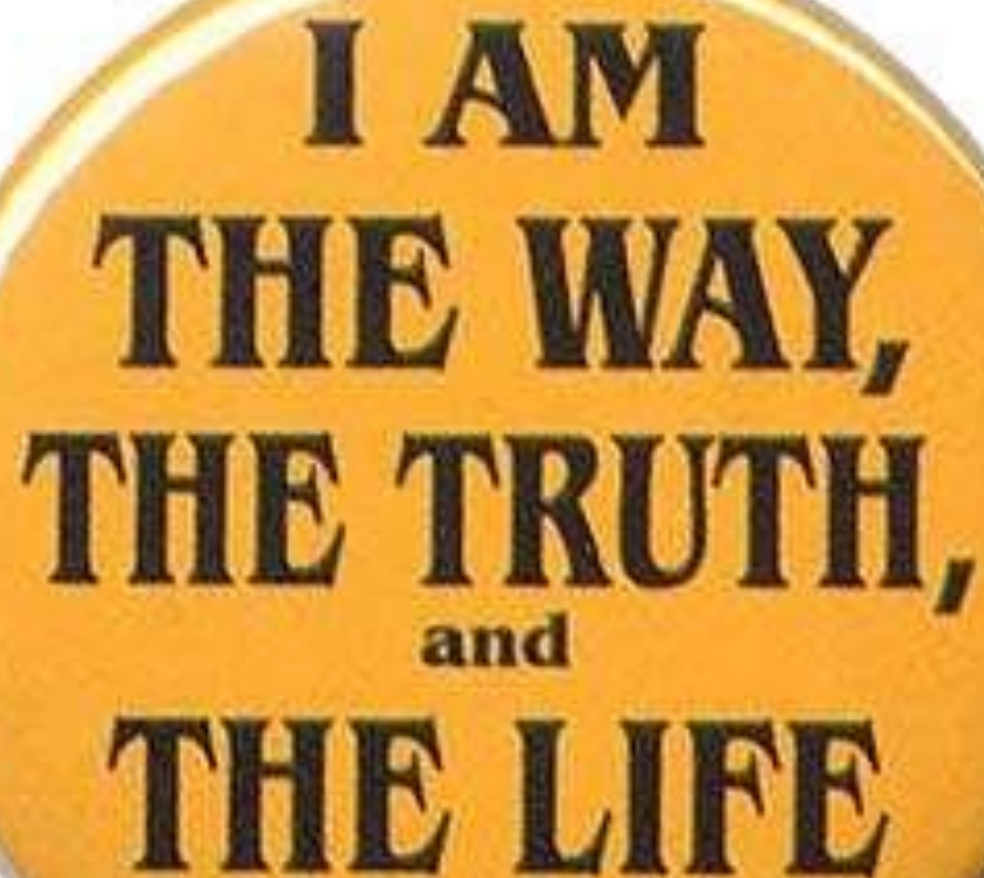
## **TRUST THAT YOU NOW UNDERSTAND**

- **1. THE DANGERS OF SELF PROMOTION IN THE LONG RUN.**
- **2. CERTAIN DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR A LEADER.**
- **3. THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING GOD'S VIEW ON YOUR CAREER CHOICE.**

## **WE HAVE A VISION**

**We Have A Vision For This Nation  
We Share A Dream For This Land  
We Join The Angels In Celebration  
And By Faith We Speak Revival To This Land**


**Where Every Knee Shall Bow  
And Worship You  
And Every Tongue Confess  
That You Are Lord  
Give Us An Open Heaven  
And Anoint Our Prayers This Day  
And Move Your Sovereign Hand  
Across This Nation**



**I AM  
THE WAY,  
THE TRUTH,  
and  
THE LIFE**

**Jesus Christ**

**John 14:6**

A low-angle photograph of the Space Shuttle Columbia during launch. The orbiter is attached to the External Tank and Solid Rocket Boosters. A massive plume of fire and white smoke is visible at the base of the boosters. The shuttle is angled upwards against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**Motivation is like  
food for the brain.  
You cannot get  
enough in one  
sitting.  
It needs continual  
and regular refills.  
What you leave  
behind is not what is  
engraved on stone  
monuments,  
but what is woven  
into the lives of  
others.**



**DEAR GOD,**  
**I WANT TO TAKE A MINUTE**  
**NOT TO ASK FOR**  
**ANYTHING FROM YOU,**  
**BUT TO SIMPLY SAY**  
**THANK YOU**  
**FOR ALL THAT I HAVE.**





# Proverbs 16:16

*How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! ... (KJV)*

HAVE YOU  
PURPOSED TO DIE  
TO SELF AND  
FOLLOW CHRIST?

**SHALOM**

Psalm 136:12

With a strong  
hand, and with a  
stretched out  
arm: for his  
mercy endureth  
for ever.

**HAVE YOU  
DEDICATED YOUR  
LIFE TO FULFIL  
GOD'S CALLING?**



# REASONS FOR OUR HOPE

ARE YOU  
DETERMINED  
TO MAKE  
WHATEVER  
SACRIFICES  
GOD  
REQUIRES?

Who of you  
by being  
worried can  
add a single  
hour to your  
life?



LUKE 12:25

**TODAY  
I'M  
THANKFUL  
FOR...**

**MY INTEGRITY  
DOES NOT  
WARRANT A  
HEARING**

# PRAYER FOCUS

- **FATHER, IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO WALK IN THE WORD. YOUR WORD LIVING IN ME PRODUCES THE LIFE IN THIS WORLD.**
- **THE WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH. IT MAKES MY WAY PLAIN BEFORE ME.**
- **I BOLDLY AND CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT MY HEART IS FIXED AND ESTABLISHED ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION – THE LIVING WORD OF GOD! AMEN**



# ACTION PLAN

- **WHAT DID YOU HEAR?** WHAT DID GOD SAY TO YOU AS YOU READ THE DEVOTIONS FOR THE DAY?
- **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU, HOW DOES IT APPLY TO YOUR LIFE, AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO YOU?
- **WHAT WILL YOU DO?** WHAT ACTION STEP WILL YOU TAKE? HOW WILL YOU THINK DIFFERENTLY? HOW WILL YOU LIVE DIFFERENTLY?
- **NOW YOU PRAY.** THIS IS WHERE YOU PUT YOUR THOUGHTS INTO PRAYER. IT COULD BE A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE OR PRAISE. IT COULD BE A PRAYER OF CONFESSION OR A REQUEST FOR GOD'S HELP. IT'S UP TO YOU. BUT TAKE A MINUTE EACH DAY TO WRITE A PRAYER RESPONSE TO WHAT YOU READ IN THE DEVOTION.



**Jesus said: Take what I have given  
you and change the world!**



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