

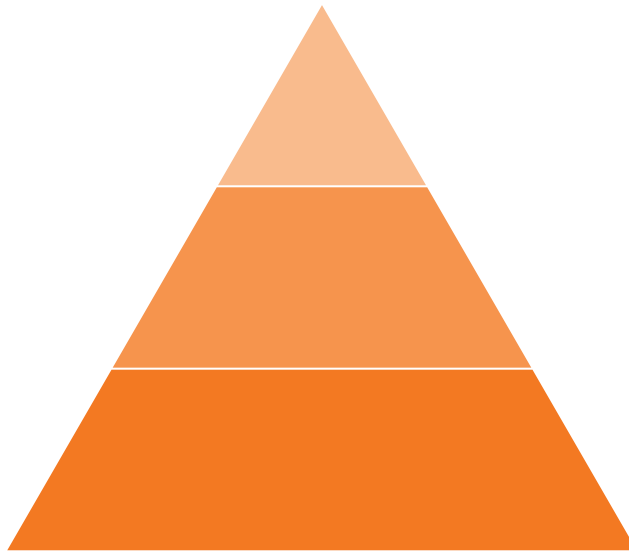
SESSION 1

Character



You cannot lead without _____.

Leadership values and character must be addressed _____.



THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER—1 TIMOTHY 3

1. Credibility

- Your reputation is determined by how you live, and how you live flows out of what's in your _____.
- Before you lead on a macro level, how are you leading on the _____ level?
- Leaders have to be the real deal on the _____ as well as the outside.
- The home is the place where all of your leadership skills are shaped.

You cannot separate _____ from _____.

You will reproduce who you are.

- _____ is one of the most debilitating factors for a leader. Real _____ is not the same as pride—pride is destructive.
- People will not follow bad character. Without character, there is a lack of _____.
- _____ and _____ can create the illusion of power, but true power lies in your character.

Examining Credibility:

- Am I consistently telling the truth?
- In what ways am I _____?
- How have I been getting thin on _____?
- Do the people I work with want to go to my church?

2. Honor

“But I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me.”

— 1 Samuel 2:30b

Goal: to live a life that's _____ and gives God something to _____.

- Your _____ puts you in a position for God to honor you.
- God will not violate his own integrity to honor someone who is not _____.
- In what ways are you living honorably? _____
- The first person you have to lead is _____.
- Practically speaking, to lead yourself, you must carve out _____.
- You can only leverage talent and drive for a _____.

To Grow in Character:

- Deal with sin—live a lifestyle of _____.
- Spend time in the _____.
- Become self-aware—be really _____ with yourself.
- Invest in some _____ who will _____.

To be a good leader, you don't have to be _____, but you do have to be _____.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the top three to five difficult character issues/challenges you face (ex: hard to be faithful, not cut corners, etc.) ?
2. In what way have you personally struggled to maintain credibility with others?
3. In what ways have you seen your character create positive influence, energy, and movement?
4. Discuss a time when you felt as though God honored a decision you made. Perhaps it was a decision that didn't make sense or was difficult to make in the moment, but now you can see how God has honored it.