

THE HEALTHY LEADER



- ◆ The **“Growing”** Leader
(Increases your capacity to receive more and more.)
- ◆ The **“Teachable”** Leader
(Allows humility to lessen stress in your life.)
- ◆ The **“Forgiving”** Leader
(Protects you from a toxic disposition.)
- ◆ The **“Deferring”** Leader
(Lives to make “His” name famous and not your own.)

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THE “GROWING” (HEALTHY) LEADER – PART I

Question: Why is it imperative that leaders (always) be growing? Because:

Answer: 1. Whoever you want people to be – you must become first yourself!
2. When we cease to grow we put a ceiling on our leadership influence!
3. Growth takes place (only) when we are willing to change!

And Never Forget This:

- ◆ Truth brings conviction necessary for change and:
- ◆ If we don't change – we don't grow!

(Jesus said so in Mark 4:24-32)

I love the phrase Jesus used in Mark 4:33:

“With many similar parables Jesus spoke the Word to them, as much as they could understand.”

Question: How much of God's revelation did Jesus share?

Answer: “As much as they could understand.”

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Jesus could have given the listeners a whole lot more.
- ◆ He could have led them deeper, richer, fuller and wiser.

Question: So why did Jesus limit His parables?

Answer: Because you cannot fill a cup fuller than its capacity!

Question: What's this have to do with you and me?

Answer: It provokes us to think about our own spiritual growth!

- ◆ Do we limit Jesus because we refuse to enlarge our capacity?
- ◆ Do we shut off learning because we've already come so far?
- ◆ Do we feel we've expanded enough in comparison to where we used to be?

Question: What's the good news?

Answer: The good news is our capacity can expand!

- ◆ We all can grow more, receive more, learn more!

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Our capacity can increase to love, grow, serve, expand, pray, study, forgive and be a healthier leader continually!

Notice in Mark Chapter 4:

Jesus said; **“Consider carefully what you hear.”**

(In Other Words)

- ◆ There is a relationship between how you **hear** and how you **grow!**

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Our capacity to grow is not only in **God’s hands**, it’s in **our hands**.
- ◆ We can bring to God a cup capacity, a glass capacity, a jar capacity or a barrel capacity.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ The capacity to **“hear”** lies within us. (Or)
- ◆ We can bring whatever receptivity we want to the table!

(In Other Words)

- ◆ Whatever capacity we offer to God; He will fill it up.

(In fact, V. 24 says)

- ◆ “It will be measured to you – **and even more.**”

(In other words, this means)

1. We determine the size of our capacity to grow (and)
2. What you do today determines what is given to you tomorrow!

(Jesus says here)

- ◆ If you choose to become stagnant – then more cannot be given to you.

(And also)

- ◆ You risk losing even what you have (V. 25) “Even what he has will be taken from him.”

(In other words)

- ◆ There’s never a time we can coast (and)
- ◆ There’s never a time to stop growing.

Because...

- ◆ When we stop growing, we lose what we had, and we go in reverse!

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