

LEADERSHIP LESSON # 71: MAKING THE GRADE AS A SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER

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I. Making the Grade Personally

A. Personal Bible Study

Every leader needs personal time in the Word of God. Our lessons and leadership should flow from our personal walk with God. As you look through the Bible, you discover that Jesus led people from the strength He found in His relationship with the Father.

B. Faithful in Prayer

Being an effective Sunday School leader also means being faithful in prayer. There are people who are counting on you and me to be serious about prayer. Paul and Silas prayed and the prison was opened; Jesus prayed with drops of blood and won the victory.

C. Committed to Growth

Sunday School leaders are committed to growth in their relationship with the Lord. What are you doing on a daily basis to nurture your relationship with Christ?

II. Making the Grade Relationally

A. Prioritize the Family

Give the family God's priority. How are things at home? In a day and time in which the divorce rate for followers of Christ is the same as those who do not claim a relationship with Him, it is so important for us to make sure the home receives God's priority. Challenge your classes to do something this year that will grow their homes.

B. Passion for People

Love people. It can't be said any other way. It is the Great Commandment – Love God and LOVE OTHERS.

III. Making the Grade Organizationally

A. Enlarge the Reach of the Class

1. **Mission Involvement** – involve them in mission projects in the community and beyond.

2. **New Class Commitment** – inspire your class with the importance of starting a new class on a regular basis.

B. Entrust Leaders

Recruit people! There is literally a job for everyone in Sunday School. Tell them what you want them to do and why.

C. Expect Participation

When you tell them what you want them to do, expect their participation

D. Ensure the Basics

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