



DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

Gift of Leadership ... By Billy

- “***If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously.***”(NLT).
- “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28)
- It is an awesome privilege to be in a position of leadership but with that position come a great responsibility to be a good example to others.
- Those in leadership are to contend earnestly for the faith (Jude 3) and this degree of earnestness should be found among all believers (Heb.6:11-12).
- Leadership roles are not confined to pastoral duties but can also include youth leaders, worship leaders, cell group leaders as well as a host of leadership roles outside of the church ministry.
- One only has to consider the life of Deborah who judged Israel to find leadership qualities that are included in this gifting.
- As a prophetess she was a woman of discernment (Judges 4:5) who lived close to God and heard His voice so that she found the courage to obey His commands (4:6-7).
- Deborah spoke in a way that influenced the nation for good (4:14) and this led to a strengthening of those who followed her example. (4:24).
- She also possessed an unwavering commitment to do God's will. She was willing to do whatever was necessary to encourage others to become active. (4:8-9). The 4th gift to consider is the gift of mercy.
- There is an interesting distinction between the gift of encouragement and the gift of mercy. The former gift helps with words of loving comfort whereas the latter helps with deeds of loving comfort.
- Many of us may have the feeling of sympathy for those in distress but mercy is only shown when some deed of kindness is done.
- The good Samaritan was motivated by mercy and not by cultural norms or self-interest and he was willing to go the second mile to help someone in distress.

WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Events Notices

Tearfund/EAI meeting about churches response to refugee crisis in Adelaide Road Presbyterian church on *Monday 23rd May 7.30pm*.

Extra Services

If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:

Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 2-5 year olds in the Crèche (as arranged).

Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD (Psalm 34:11)

Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. (*Hebrews 13:2*).