

Advanced Kingdom Leadership Course

Module 2

Session Six: Level One Leadership – Leading Yourself

Overview

This session concludes Module 2 by introducing the concept of leadership levels. The first and most foundational level of leadership is self-leadership. Before leaders can guide organizations, families, or communities, they must develop the ability to lead themselves with integrity and discipline.

1. Leadership Levels

The course introduces the idea that leadership develops in stages or levels.

Each level represents greater maturity and responsibility in leadership.

The first level is the foundation for all others: leading yourself.

Without mastering self-leadership, it becomes difficult to lead others effectively.

2. The Foundation of Character

Leadership begins with character.

The fruit of the Spirit described in Scripture includes qualities such as:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness

- Faithfulness
- Self-control

Self-control and personal integrity form the foundation for trustworthy leadership.

3. The Danger of Mismatched Character and Gifting

One of the most common causes of leadership failure occurs when a leader's talent or influence grows faster than their character.

When skill, charisma, or anointing exceeds character, leaders often experience moral failure or loss of trust.

Trust is the primary currency of leadership.

When trust is broken, leadership effectiveness quickly declines.

4. Leadership by Example

Effective leaders lead primarily through example.

People are more likely to follow leaders whose lives demonstrate the values they teach.

This means leadership development must begin in personal habits, attitudes, and private decisions.

5. Self-Government in Daily Life

Self-leadership involves governing many areas of life, including:

- Personal discipline
- Time management

- Emotional responses
- Integrity in relationships
- Healthy use of entertainment and habits

These private disciplines shape the leader's public influence.

6. Integrity in Private and Public Life

Integrity means being the same person in every setting.

A leader with integrity demonstrates consistency between:

- Public behavior and private behavior
- Words and actions
- Values and decisions

When leaders live with integrity, they create a culture of trust around them.

7. Leadership Under Christ

Christian leadership ultimately flows from following Christ.

Jesus modeled perfect self-governance by remaining aligned with the will of the Father.

Leaders grow in maturity as they continually submit their decisions and behavior to Christ's guidance.

8. The Path Toward Greater Leadership

When leaders develop strong self-leadership, they create a stable foundation for influencing others.

From this foundation they can grow into higher levels of leadership, guiding teams, organizations, and communities toward meaningful transformation.

Questions

1. In what areas of your life do you feel strongest in self-leadership?
2. Are there habits or patterns that may undermine your leadership integrity?
3. What steps could you take this week to strengthen your personal discipline and character?

Activations

- Reflect on areas of your private life where greater discipline or consistency is needed.
- Ask God to strengthen your character and self-governance.
- Choose one habit or practice this week that will help you grow in self-leadership.