

LEADERS

PURPOSE AND SITUATION OF THE ROLLO

LEADERS is the fifth and final rollo of the second day. The first day discusses the nature of our relationship with God. The second day describes the daily living of this relationship. This rollo provides examples of living in Christ's presence and being Christ's presence in the world. This rollo prepares for the unfolding of the third day.

This rollo is not concerned with the principles of leadership as taught in the secular world; rather it describes the qualities needed to be a successful Christian leader. It clarifies the ideal that has been presented to the candidate and gives a model of what he/she should become.

The intent of the rollo is to excite within the candidates, a desire to know and to accept God's calling to be Christian leaders. The rollista shows that being a leader occurs in day-to-day action within every Christian's environment.

A leader is a person who *influences others*. The focus of this rollo is to show the candidates that they are leaders and are to become effective in their environments. Leaders are to make use of their abilities in making an impact for Christ. The Leaders talk is about the importance of developing oneself into an effective Christian leader.

This rollo helps the candidate to think about himself or herself and how he/she will have to change to become an effective Christian leader.

The rollista's personal witness is essential to this rollo; it should be shared throughout the rollo. Through realistic, enthusiastic and transparent witness, the rollista sets forth a way of life which will influence and strengthen others in their faith to reach out in love. The examples should enable the candidates to see themselves as leaders

Time Objective: Should not exceed **25** minutes

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OUTLINE

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II. WHO IS A CHRISTIAN LEADER?

- A. One who accepts God's Call**
- B. One who leads by serving**

III. QUALITIES OF A CHRISTIAN LEADER

- A. To know the ideal – the Ideal is Jesus**
- B. Servanthood (humility)**
- C. Initiative**
- D. Generosity**
- E. Excellence**
- F. Faith**
- G. Hope**
- H. Love**

IV. CONCLUSION

- **We are all called to be leaders for Christ**

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COMMENTARY ON THE OUTLINE

(This material is intended as a study aid for the Rollista. It is not intended to be the rollo.)

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Define Leaders:** Leaders are those who with their person and conduct influence the thinking and actions of others.

This rollo declares that each candidate is a leader. The rollista should state this.

The rollo is about the qualities that make a Christian leader, not about leadership qualities as the world sees them. (1 Sam. 16:7.) The Leaders talk brings the day to a conclusion by presenting how the candidate can put all of his/her life into the service of Christ. The rollo completes the process of formation that is presented on the second day. The emphasis is on the candidate being a leader and influencing others for Christ.

II. WHO IS A CHRISTIAN LEADER?

- A. **One who accepts God's Call.** A Christian leader is one who accepts God's call to influence others for Christ. A leader is one who recognizes in oneself the call to follow.
- B. **One who leads by serving.** A leader is a servant and a servant is a leader. We are called as servants to influence others to live as Christians; to transform the environment and to change the world. Those influenced include family, friends, co-workers etc. (John 1:40-42)

III. QUALITIES OF A CHRISTIAN LEADER

A Christian leader possesses God-given qualities. The following qualities, founded on faith, allow him/her to draw on the power of God to change the world.

- A. **To know the ideal-The ideal is Jesus.** The picture of Jesus Christ, painted so vividly in the Word of God, presents the ideal to become more Christ-like, which each Christian must strive for to be an effective leader.
- B. **Servanthood (humility).** Humility is the knowledge, awareness, and acceptance of our condition, as the Lord's instruments, using the talents He has given us, so that we may put them to use for His purposes. It involves recognizing that everything that we are comes from God; we are nothing in ourselves. It also involves recognizing that God has given us talents and abilities. A servant leader is the model Jesus showed us.
- C. **Initiative.** A leader is willing to step out in faith to take risks, and be willing to fail. In a community of believers, it is not always having to wait for unanimity or a vote of confidence.

- D. Generosity.** A leader will be more effective the more generous he/she is. This is especially true for the Christian leader. Our model for generosity is Christ. A leader gives willingly and joyfully of oneself: time, talents, money, and service.
- E. Excellence.** Do everything as unto God (Col. 3:23). A Christian leader is often scrutinized by the world. Give God your very best.
- F. Faith.** Confidence in the grace of God. Knowing ourselves to be instruments of God, we trust Him in everything.
- G. Hope.** This hope is greater than any human hope; it comes from knowing that the work is God's. Christian hope endures because with God all things are possible (Romans 8:28; Mark 9:23; Matthew 19:26.)
- H. Love.** Love is the essential quality of a Christian leader. Every situation in life is an opportunity to express Christ's love; every Christian leader's action is an expression of His love.

IV. CONCLUSION

Christians are all called to be leaders for Jesus Christ – We are leaders when we reach out to others so that they might in turn respond to the Holy Spirit. Christ is the model and the ideal of the Christian leader; all of the qualities of the leader presented in the Leaders rollo are qualities which Christ has demonstrated.

You are a Christian leader!

(Our second day has focused on Christ. It began with a meditation on Christ, the leader of men and women. It ends with a talk on all Christians as leaders of men and women)

Note to the rollista: *There is far more subject matter in this “**Commentary . . .**” than is required to meet the time objective of the rollo. While it is necessary to speak very briefly on each item listed in the outline, be careful to select for expansion, only those items for which you have something significant to contribute - - usually through personal experience. Remember, the more important part of the Weekend will occur during table discussions than what participants will learn or remember from hearing the rollo. The rollo is meant more to spark ideas for the table discussions than it is meant to be instructive.*

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BIBLE REFERENCES

(These Bible references are included here to help the rollista understand some of the biblical background of the rollo. The list is neither complete nor is it intended to become part of the rollo. Read the references and listen for the Word of God.)

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| Genesis | 12 | Abraham leaves his country |
| Exodus | 6, 7 | Moses claims to be a poor speaker |
| 1 Sam | 3 | Samuel's call from God |
| 1 Kings | 19 | Elijah's mission |
| Jeremiah | 1 | God knew him before he was formed in the womb |
| Amos | 1 | Amos among the shepherds |
| Matthew | 5:14-16 | Let your light shine before men |
| | 7:12 | The Golden Rule |
| | 28:19-20 | The Great Commission |
| Mark | 10:42-45 | The great must be servants |
| Luke | 22:26 | Leaders must be servants |
| John | 13:12-17 | Christ's example |
| | 21:15-19 | Tend and feed Christ's sheep |
| 1 Cor | 2:3-5, 14 | Supernatural understanding |
| Eph | 5:8-9 | We have become the Lord's people |
| 1 Thes | 1:2-8 | Imitate Christ |
| 1 Peter | 2:11-17 | Your conduct will cause others to praise God |