

# Lead Yourself First

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***Leadership is influence  
and everybody has influence.***

## Where do you have influence?

- Home
- Work
- Church
- Friends
- Community

*Relationship = Influence = Leadership*

## The Truth about Leadership.

- Leaders don't always have titles.
- Leaders don't always have authority.
- Leaders don't always have popularity.

## Jesus was the greatest leader in history.

- He lead a group of volunteers for 3 years.
- He wasn't wealthy or famous
- He never traveled outside of his country.
- But - He changed the world with his Life!

*The only difference between a good leader and a bad leader is how they use their influence.*

# Jesus in the Temple.

## Luke 2

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. <sup>42</sup> When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. <sup>43</sup> After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, <sup>44</sup> because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

<sup>45</sup> When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. <sup>46</sup> Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.

<sup>47</sup> All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

<sup>49</sup> "But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they didn't understand what he meant. <sup>51</sup> Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**Q:** What was Jesus doing for 30 years?

## Jesus was Growing.

- *Wisdom* - Jesus was growing his mind.
- *Stature* - Jesus was growing his body.
- *Favor* - Jesus was growing his spirit.

***“Great leaders LAST because  
they lead themselves FIRST.”***

*- Andy Stanley*

**Luke 2:52** Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

## **Lead Yourself First.**

### **1. Grow WHAT you know.**

- Find a topic and become an expert.
- Find a mentor and ask questions.
- Find a path and do the hard work.

*The forgotten art of LEADERSHIP  
is the art of PREPARATION.*

### **2. Grow WHO you know.**

- Your relationship with God is the foundation for every other relationship.
- Your relationship with others is the key to living the Christian life.
- Be in the right place to meet the right people.

*You'll never go FAR if you go ALONE.*

### **3. Grow who you ARE.**

- Jesus grew on the inside so he would have favor on the outside.

*Your PERSONAL choices will  
determine your PUBLIC story.*

# Questions.

**Q:** Do you think of yourself as a leader?

**Q:** Where do you struggle the most to be a leader?

\_\_\_\_\_ Home

\_\_\_\_\_ Work

\_\_\_\_\_ Church

\_\_\_\_\_ Friends

\_\_\_\_\_ Community

**Q:** What is one thing you can do to grow what you know?

**Q:** What is one thing you can do to grow your relationship with God?

**Q:** What is one thing you can do to grow your relationship with others?

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**Prayer:** Lord, I struggle as a Leader. I'm tempted to use my influence to glorify myself, or abuse my influence to the detriment of others. With your help, I'm ready to learn from Jesus how to be a leader that loves, serves, and gives to others. Amen.