

The Making of a Leader

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Acts 1:1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,
² until the day when He was taken up,

1. Live obedient

after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles

2. Live the call

whom He had chosen.

3. Live convinced Jesus is alive and at work

³ To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a *period of forty days*,

4. Live for the kingdom

and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

5. Trust the empowerment of the Holy Spirit

⁴ And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

⁵ for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6. Live the mission

⁶ And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

⁸ but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

and you shall be My witnesses

both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

7. Live for the return of The King

⁹ And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

¹⁰ And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them;

¹¹ and they also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

8. Be normal

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James *the son of Alphaeus*, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas *the son of James*.

1 Corinthians 1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

²⁷ but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

²⁸ and the base things of the world and the despised, God has chosen, the things that are not, that He might nullify the things that are,

²⁹ that no man should boast before God.

1 Timothy 3:8 Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

¹⁰ And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

¹¹ Women *must* likewise *be* dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.

¹² Let deacons be husbands of *only* one wife, *and* good managers of *their* children and their own households.

¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

9. Live devoted to prayer

Acts 1:14 These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

10. Live devoted to Scripture

¹⁵ And at this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said,

¹⁶ "Brethren, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

¹⁷ "For he was counted among us, and received his portion in this ministry."

¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹ And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰ "For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead be made desolate, And let no man dwell in it'; and, 'His office let another man take.'

²¹ "It is therefore necessary that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us--

²² beginning with the baptism of John, until the day that He was taken up from us-- one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection."

²³ And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias.

11. Focus on the heart

²⁴ And they prayed, and said, "Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two Thou hast chosen

²⁵ to occupy this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

²⁶ And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

12. Live filled with the Spirit = Live "the one thing" undistracted

2:1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

² And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Acts 6:3 "But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

⁴ "But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

²⁰ always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

²¹ and be(ing) subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Acts 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were amazed and marveled, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

⁸ "And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born?"

⁹ "Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—

we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

¹² And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

13. Live willing to be mocked, threatened, beaten and murdered

¹³ But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine."

14. Witness

¹⁴ But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

¹⁵ "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day;

¹⁶ but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'And it shall be in the last days,' God says, 'That I will pour forth of My Spirit upon all mankind; And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ Even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit And they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ 'And I will grant wonders in the sky above, And signs on the earth beneath, Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.

²⁰ 'The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the great and glorious day of the Lord shall come.

²¹ 'And it shall be, that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

²² "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

²³ this *Man*, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

²⁴ "And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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