

LEVERAGE

“Living & Leading for God’s Glory”



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1.) Leaders **EXPECT** the opposition. (vv.10, 19)

As a follower of Jesus and leader of people you must answer this foundational question: Do I want the praise of **men** or the praise **God**? (1 Sam 15:24; Prov 29:25; Isa 51:12-16; Lk 12:4-7; Gal 1:10; James 4:4)

To stand with Jesus is to **invite** opposition. (Matt 5:10-12; Rom 12:14; 2 Tim 3:12; 1 Pet 4:12-1

2.) Leaders **EVALUATE** the task (vv.11-16)

Christ-followers shore up weaknesses with: **Scripture**, **prayer**, and **accountability**. (Ps 1; 119; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 4:12; 1 Jn 5:14-16; Eph 6:18-20; Ps 17:6; Eccl 4:9-12; Gal 6:1-5; James 5:16; 1 Thess 5:11)

3.) Leaders **INSPIRE** people to action. (vv.17-18, 20)

The leader is the one who says "**we**" and "**us**", not "**me**" and "**you**". (Mark 10:42-45; Lk 22:26; Jn 13:12-15; Phil 2:5)