

Purple People Leader

“Activating Your Leadership Potential Everyone Has It, Find It, Use It!”

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-Leadership lessons from life of Esther-

[1] If you don't seize the moment God will replace you with someone else.

“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die.” **Esther 4:14a NLT**

[2] If you don't step forward you could miss out on your mission in life!

“...What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time as this?”

Es 4:14b NLT

“Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself. He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high esteem, because he worked for the good of his people and was a friend at the royal court for all of them.”

Esther 10:3 NLT

- He raised his orphan cousin Esther. **Es 2:7**
- He served as her mentor & protector. **Es 2:10-11, 20**
- He demonstrated loyalty by saving the king from assassination. **Es 2:19-23**
- He refused to bow down to Haman in worship. **Es 3:1-6**
- Mordecai did all he could to save his people. **Es 4:1ff**
- And he wrote the letters establishing the Feast of Purim for the Jews. **Es 9: 20-28**

“For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.” **Es 9:4**

-LEADERSHIP MYTHS FROM LIFE OF MORDECAI-

1. _____ and a position make the leader.

“...there was a certain Jew whose name was Mordecai...” **Es 2:5**

“For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.” **Es 9:3**

2. Effective leadership is based on _____, coercion & manipulation.

“And every day Mordecai paced in front of the court of the women's quarters, to learn of Esther's welfare and what was happening to her.” **2:11 NKJV**

“A good leader is someone you would follow to a place you would not go to by yourself.”
Joel Barker

3. Leadership is a rare _____ only given to a few.

“And all the king’s servants who were within the king’s gate bowed and paid homage (worshipped) Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage (worship).”

Es 3:2

-Leadership takes time—it takes training and lots of trial and error.
-Leadership takes a sense of purpose—it takes a vision and a sense of mission.

“You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world.” **Mt 5:13a &14a NIV**

“But it takes only one wrong person among you to infect all the others—a little yeast spreads quickly through the whole batch of dough!” **Gal. 5:9 NLT**

“But if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods of your ancestors served?...Or will it be the gods...in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” **Joshua 24:15 NLT**

Next Steps:

[1] Attend Bull’s Eye Benefit. **[2]** Take the Plunge. **[3]** Make commitment to attend a Small Group. **[4]** Make a mission’s pledge.

Translations Used: **NLT**= New Living Translation, **NKJV**=New King James Version, **NIV**= New International Translation

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