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Like Moses of the Bible, each person has a choice in following God or not.

As we see in the Bible, Moses chose God and followed Him.

Many verses were studied from the Bible about who Moses was, what he did, the mistakes he made, his choices, and the leadership style he embraced in God for outlining each truth and leadership characteristic of Moses.

Below are several areas about who Moses was, what he did, the choices he made, and his alignment with God.

As you review each truth, keep in mind ...

God has a plan for leadership for each one of us!

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Introduction

The outline covers one of the greatest leaders of all time - Moses.

Moses was one of the most powerful princes of his time in the greatest world power of its time (Egypt). The beginning of Moses life, the upbringing of Moses childhood, the prince that Moses became with the Pharaoh of Egypt, the desert experience, and the calling to lead almost 3 million people from slavery to freedom will give you some insight about your life and those around you. In other words, there is hope for the leader in all of us!

The leader that Moses became has changed the way we look at things even in modern times.

Many people have applied the Moses Leadership principles without even knowing they have done so.

You will find sections within this book about specific ways Moses led, how Moses changed, how others changed because of Moses leadership, and what you can do to apply these leadership qualities in your life and those around you.

Many people believe that leadership is given to some and not to others. As you read and apply all the areas below, you will find that anyone anywhere can become a leader. In fact, these truths about Moses Leadership will prove the following can be a part of your life and all that you do:

- Leadership can become a part of all that you do
 - A learned skill
- Leaders are not born
 - Leaders are made over time through a life process
- Leaders empower others to be all that they can be
 - They do not control and do not manipulate people
- Most leaders are quiet and systematic in their dealings
 - They are not charismatic





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- Leaders exist in all levels of companies, organizations, groups, communities, cultures, beliefs, and nations around the world

Apply all the lesson principles below to your life and you will see a change in every area of your personal and business life.

Note: You will notice the section in each area titled as “Bible Verses and Topics for this area.” These are verses that relate to the introduction and Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #1 through #28. Also, a definition is provided for each Bible verse and topic for further understanding of the area as it relates to Moses, leadership, life, and the truth. All definitions have been taken from <http://www.merriam-webster.com>.

In related attachments, each section has the entire Bible verses listed as they relate to the topics of each area. These verses have been taken from the Amplified Bible.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Leader
- Leaders
- Leadership
- Lead
- Call
- Called
- Calling
- Quiet
- Process
- Skill
- Empower
- Moses

Definitions

- Leader – a person who leads, a Guide, Conductor.



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- Leadership – the office or position of a leader; capacity to lead; the act or instance of leading.
- Lead – to guide on a way especially by going in advance; to direct on a course or in a direction; to serve as a channel; to go through.
- Call – to speak in a loud distinct voice to be heard at a distance; to make a request or demand; to make a demand; to visit.
- Quiet – the quality or state of being quiet; tranquility; in secret.
- Process – progress, advance; something going on; proceeding; a natural phenomenon marked by gradual changes that lead toward a result; a series of actions or operations conducing to an end.
- Skill – to make a difference; matter; avail.
- Empower – to give official authority or legal power to; enable; to promote the self-actualization or influence of.
- Moses – a Hebrew prophet who led the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery and at Mt. Sinai delivered the Law establishing God's covenant with them.





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #1

Recognize the strengths in others and allow others to see your strengths

Moses went from being a prince of Egypt to living in the desert for 40 years. Moses has been called one of the humblest people to ever live. At the point that he was called to lead the people of Israel from slavery, he would have been more comfortable running his and his father-in-law's successful business.

Because God recognized the strengths in Moses and Moses witnessed what God saw in him, Moses was able to face the terror of being placed in a high position. There is no doubt that Moses felt inadequate about the direction he was called to be a part of. But, because God recognized his strengths, comforted his fears, and enabled Moses to conquer this fear with some God given tools, Moses accepted.

When you believe in someone and/or someone else believes in you, you have a greater strength to go forward and start the leadership process and the direction on which you are embarking.

Like any successful leader, God knew the leadership traits Moses had before he was aware of them. Moses was given the tools, the support, and the direction to succeed with what he was called to do. He was not thrown into something and left to wonder what to do next. Keep this in mind in your life and anyone that you support in the future.

The core character traits seen at the heart of Moses' leadership - honesty, integrity, compassion, and courage - set in motion a concept of leadership that allowed powerful, universal laws of life to be transmitted to others.

As you are growing, being challenged, changing, and moving down your path, remember and be aware of the changes you can bring to others.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:



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- Strength
- Change
- Grow
- Challenged
- Path
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Compassion
- Courage
- Believe
- Direction
- Conquer
- Accept
- Humble
- Recognize
- Support

Definitions

- Strength – the quality or state of being strong: capacity for exertion or endurance; power to resist force: solidity, toughness; power of resisting attack: Impregnability; legal, logical, or moral force *b*: a strong attribute or inherent asset; degree of potency of effect or of concentration: intensity of light, color, sound, or odor: vigor of expression; force as measured in numbers; effective numbers of anybody or organization; one regarded as embodying or affording force or firmness
- Change – to make different in some particular; Alter; to make radically different; transform; to give a different position, course, or direction to; to replace with another; switch; to undergo a modification of
- Grow – to spring up and develop to maturity; to be able to grow in some place or situation; to assume some relation through or as if through a process of natural growth; to increase in size by assimilation of material into the living organism or by accretion of material in a non-biological process (as crystallization); increase;



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expand; grow in wisdom; to pass into a condition; become; to have an increasing influence; to become increasingly acceptable or attractive

- Challenged – to demand as due or deserved; require; to order to halt and prove identity; to dispute especially as being unjust, invalid, or outmoded; impugn; to confront or defy boldly; dare; invite into competition; to arouse or stimulate especially by presenting with difficulties
- Path – trodden way; a track specially constructed for a use; course, route; a way of life, conduct, or thought; the continuous series of positions or configurations that can be assumed in any motion or process of change by a moving or varying system; a sequence of arcs in a network that can be traced continuously without retracing any arc; pathway
- Honesty – obsolete; chastity; fairness and straightforwardness of conduct; adherence to the facts; sincerity
- Integrity – firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values; incorruptibility; an unimpaired condition; soundness; the quality or state of being complete or undivided; completeness
- Compassion – sympathetic consciousness of others' distresses together with a desire to alleviate it
- Courage – mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty
- Believe – to have a firm religious faith; to accept something as true, genuine, or real; to have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of something, to hold an opinion; think
- Direction – guidance or supervision of action or conduct; management; an explicit instruction; order; assistance in pointing out the proper route —usually used in plural; the line or course on which something is moving or is aimed to move or along which something is pointing or facing; a channel or direct course of thought or action; tendency; trend; a guiding, governing, or motivating purpose; the art and technique of directing an orchestra, band, or a show (as for stage or screen) *b*: a word, phrase, or sign indicating the appropriate tempo, mood, or intensity of a passage or movement in music



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- Conquer – to gain or acquire by force of arms; subjugate; to overcome by force of arms; to gain mastery over or win by overcoming obstacles or opposition; to overcome by mental or moral power; surmount
- Accept – to receive willingly; to be able or designed to take or hold (something applied or added); to give admittance or approval to; to endure without protest or reaction; regard as proper, normal, or inevitable; to recognize as true; believe; to make a favorable response to; to agree to undertake; to receive officially
- Humble – not proud or haughty; not arrogant or assertive; reflecting, expressing, or offered in a spirit of deference or submission; unpretentious
- Recognize – to acknowledge formally; to admit as being of a status; to admit as being one entitled to be heard; to acknowledge the de facto existence or the independence of; to acknowledge or take notice of in some definite way; to perceive to be something or someone previously known; to perceive clearly; realize
- Support – to endure bravely or quietly; bear; to promote the interests or cause of; to uphold or defend as valid or right; advocate; assist; help; to provide with substantiation; to pay the costs of; maintain; to provide a basis for the existence or subsistence of; to hold up or serve as a foundation or prop; comfort; to keep (something) going





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #2

Inner qualities of leadership must be developed and nurtured

Why did Moses ask God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and free the Israelites from Egypt?"

Moses was looking at his life as he had lived it in Midian and as a shepherd when he asked this question. He was wondering why God chose him for this task. Currently, Moses was not charismatic, eloquent, and was not eager to lead. In fact, he had been an isolated shepherd for many years and his speech was stuttered.

Many times, what we think are the prerequisites for doing something are just outward. There are many inner qualities that are needed to become a leader. A person can go for many years developing these qualities without being noticed. Then, out of nowhere (like Moses), things kick off and start happening.

Shakespeare says it best, "Some are born great; some achieve greatness; some have greatness thrust upon them." Many leaders have had greatness thrust upon them from nowhere, yet they had a reluctance to lead. This reluctance is not a gauge of a person being a good leader.

As Moses led the Israelites to freedom, he did not motivate the people because he was charismatic and a good speaker. He was persistent, motivated, and dedicated to the cause.

The attributes (inner qualities) that make a great leader are Faith; Compassion; Drive; Self-control; and persistence. Forget about a lot of the so-called leadership skills that are talked about - It is the inner qualities that are developed in you that will cause you to lead!

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Develop





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- Nurture
- Quality
- Motivate
- Persistent
- Dedicated
- Faith
- Drive
- Self-Control
- Cause

Definitions

- Develop – to set forth or make clear by degrees or in detail; expound; to make visible or manifest; to work out the possibilities of; to create or produce especially by deliberate effort over time; to make active or promote the growth of; to make available or usable; to make suitable; to move (as a chess piece) from the original position to one providing more opportunity for effective use; to cause to unfold gradually; to expand by a process of growth <working to *develop* the company further; to cause to grow and differentiate along lines natural to its kind; to become infected or affected by; to acquire gradually
- Nurture – training; upbringing; something that nourishes; the sum of the environmental factors influencing the behavior and traits expressed by an organism
- Quality – peculiar and essential character; an inherent feature; capacity; role; degree of excellence; a distinguishing attribute; characteristic; accomplishment
- Motivate – to provide with a motive; impel
- Persistent – existing for a long or longer than usual time or continuously; continuing without change in function or structure; remaining infective for a relatively long time in a vector after an initial period of incubation; continuing or inclined to persist in a course; continuing to exist despite interference or treatment
- Dedicated – devoted to a cause, ideal, or purpose; zealous; given over to a purpose



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- Faith – allegiance to duty or a person; loyalty; fidelity to one's promises; sincerity of intentions; belief and trust in and loyalty to God; firm belief in something for which there is no proof; complete trust; something that is believed especially with strong conviction
- Drive – to impart a forward motion to by physical force; to repulse, remove, or cause to go by force, authority, or influence; to set or keep in motion or operation; to direct the motions and course; force; to compel to undergo or suffer a change (as in situation or emotional state); to urge relentlessly to continuous exertion; to press or force into an activity, course, or direction;
- Self-Control – restraint exercised over one's own impulses, emotions, or desires
- Cause – a reason for an action or condition; motive; something that brings about an effect or a result; a person or thing that is the occasion of an action or state; an agent that brings something about; a matter or question to be decided; a charitable undertaking



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #3

Faith must be renewed on a regular basis

If parting the Red Sea and drowning Pharaoh's army could not earn Moses the confidence of the people as God's messenger, don't be shocked when it takes you time to build your team and sustain their confidence. Always remember, people are people. People need to be communicated to on a regular basis.

Most people are doubters - they are reluctant to follow anyone into uncertain waters, even if you were Moses. There is no such a thing as winning the people's trust once and for all. Faith must always be rejuvenated no matter how great your past successes have been.

Your team's faith must constantly be rekindled by your vision and energy. As Moses stated, "I know how defiant and stiff-necked you are." The same applies to everyone in any time - be prepared to prove yourself not once, but every time, and you will win the confidence of your people the only way it can be won - day by day!

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Communication
- Trust
- Faith

Definitions

- Communicate – share; to convey knowledge of or information about; make known; to reveal by clear signs; to cause to pass from one to another
- Trust – assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed; dependence on something future or contingent; hope; trustworthiness; a charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence or as a condition of some relationship; something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another; responsible; care; custody



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- Faith – allegiance to duty or a person; loyalty; fidelity promises; sincerity of intentions; belief and trust in and loyalty to God; firm belief in something for which there is no proof; complete trust; something that is believed especially with strong conviction



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #4 *Learn to take reproof (correction) and give it*

Giving reproof serves both you and the person you reprove. It serves you because it spares you from the pent-up anger and bitterness that come from not communicating. It also helps the other individual because it gives him or her the opportunity to see a problem behavior and change it.

Moses did not recommend giving reproof as a means of maximizing profits or making organizations more efficient. He recommended it because of the underlying principle that all human beings are responsible for one another, so if we see someone making a mistake, we have a moral obligation to help correct it. If that person does not want to correct it is their choice.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Correction
- Reproof
- Change
- Responsible

Definitions

- Correction – the action or an instance of correcting; amendment; bringing into conformity with a standard; neutralization; counteraction; something substituted in place of what is wrong.
- Reproof – criticism for a fault; rebuke
- Change – to make different in some particular; Alter; to make radically different; transform; to give a different position, course, or direction to; to replace with another; switch; to undergo a modification of
- Responsible – able to answer for one's conduct and obligations; trustworthy; able to choose for oneself between right and wrong; marked by or involving responsibility or accountability; politically answerable



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #5

Desert (wilderness) Leading

Moses faced tremendous challenges during the forty years he and his people spent in the desert.

Food, water, and shelter were always scarce. Think about it for a moment: Where are you going to find the necessities of life for almost 3 million people in the middle of a desert?

On top of this, how do you motivate a group of people who have only known slavery all their lives?

The former slaves were terrified and unable to care for themselves, and at every crisis they turned on Moses their leader.

During all this, Moses constantly searched for ways to motivate and inspire these people. When there was a setback, he conferred with God, took it all in, and started again.

Each crisis presented an opportunity to try out new practices, develop more sensitive laws for human interaction, or otherwise encourage his group to honor God and follow the path He had set for them.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Challenge
- Motivate
- Inspire
- Develop
- Path





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- Honor
- Encourage

Definitions

- Challenge – to demand as due or deserved; require; to order to halt and prove identity; to dispute especially as being unjust, invalid, or outmoded; to question formally the legality or legal qualifications of; to confront or defy boldly; dare; to arouse or stimulate especially by presenting with difficulties; to administer a physiological and especially an immunologic challenge to
- Motivate – to provide with a motive; impel
- Inspire – to influence, move, or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration; to exert an animating, enlivening, or exalting influence on; to spur on; impel; motivate; affect; to draw forth or bring out; inhale; bring about; incite
- Develop – to set forth or make clear by degrees or in detail; expound; to make visible or manifest; to work out the possibilities of; to create or produce especially by deliberate effort over time; to make active or promote the growth of; to make available or usable; to make suitable; to move (as a chess piece) from the original position to one providing more opportunity for effective use; to cause to unfold gradually; to expand by a process of growth <working to *develop* the company further; to cause to grow and differentiate along lines natural to its kind; to become infected or affected by; to acquire gradually
- Path – trodden way; a track specially constructed for a use; course, route; a way of life, conduct, or thought; the continuous series of positions or configurations that can be assumed in any motion or process of change by a moving or varying system; a sequence of arcs in a network that can be traced continuously without retracing any arc; pathway
- Honor – good name or public esteem; reputation; recognition; privilege; one whose worth brings respect or fame; an evidence or symbol of distinction; title or rank; badge; decoration; chastity; purity; a keen sense of ethical conduct; integrity; one's word given as a guarantee of performance
- Encourage – to inspire with courage, spirit, or hope; hearten; to attempt to persuade; urge; to spur on; stimulate; to give help or patronage to; foster



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #6

Let talented people become their best

To lead you must be into the details.

Moses found this out every day in the leadership process from the development of the tabernacle to the routes to take, to whom to hire, and every other daily activity.

With the interaction of God and the people Moses worked with, Moses never ever overshadowed his people. He did not demand progress reports, he did not manipulate his people, he did not control anyone, and he did not undermine anyone. He knew he had hired the right people for each job, and he let them do their job without his interference.

HE LET HIS PEOPLE SHINE!

Your job as a leader is to inspire, coach and facilitate. The measure of your success as a leader is the measure of their creative self-assertiveness.

To give people the room to shine you must create trust. If you trust that your team shares your commitment and vision, you will have winning success as a leader.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Detail
- Trust
- Commitment
- Vision

Definitions

- Detail – extended treatment of or attention to items; a part of a whole; a small and subordinate part; particular; the small elements that collectively constitute a work of art; the small elements of a photographic image corresponding to those

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of the subject; selection of a person or group for a task; the person or group selected; the task to be performed

- Trust – assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed; dependence on something future or contingent; hope; trustworthiness; a charge or duty imposed in faith or confidence or as a condition of some relationship; something committed or entrusted to one to be used or cared for in the interest of another; responsible; care; custody
- Commitment – an act of committing to a charge or trust; an agreement or pledge to do something in the future; *especially* an engagement to assume a financial obligation at a future date; something pledged; the state or an instance of being obligated or emotionally impelled
- Vision – something seen in a dream, trance, or ecstasy; a supernatural appearance that conveys a revelation; a thought, concept, or object formed by the imagination; a manifestation to the senses of something immaterial; the act or power of imagination; mode of seeing or conceiving; unusual discernment or foresight; the act or power of seeing; sight; the special sense by which the qualities of an object (as color, luminosity, shape, and size) constituting its appearance are perceived through a process; something seen





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #7

Team Lead (lead by doing what you expect from others)

It started with Moses accepting his call to lead. Then, the team came together.

It was never intended that Moses act alone.

How do you lead with a team?

You lead one piece and one step at a time. In other words, you take what is to be done. Then, you give the pieces to others to get the job done.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Team
- Step

Definitions

- Team – many persons associated together in work or activity; a group on one side
- Step – a rest for the foot in ascending or descending as α : one of a series of structures consisting of a riser and a tread; an advance or movement made by raising the foot and bringing it down elsewhere; stride; course; way; a stage in a process; an action, proceeding, or measure often occurring as one in a series





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #8

Keep your focus on the big picture

Moses became discouraged many times. At these times, Moses asked God for guidance, wisdom, and clarity.

He always came back with a clearer purpose and with more energy.

Moses continual story of encouragement by God within the discouragement shows us that to stay focused, leaders must periodically retreat from the crowd and get their inner spiritual compass set to true north.

One of the main reasons people lose their focus is best stated by Stephen Covey - "...we waste our energy on 'urgent and unimportant' events."

It is essential that we take time out for reflection amongst all the distractions, stresses, and interruptions of life. If we do not take time to set our purpose straight, we may lose sight of it altogether.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Guidance
- Wisdom
- Clarity
- Ask
- Clear
- Purpose
- Sight

Definitions

- Guidance – the act or process of guiding; the direction provided by a guide; advice on vocational or educational problems given to students; the process of controlling the course of a projectile by a built-in mechanism



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- Wisdom – accumulated philosophic or scientific learning; knowledge; ability to discern inner qualities and relationships; insight; good sense; judgment; generally accepted belief; a wise attitude, belief, or course of action; the teachings of the ancient wise men
- Clarity – the quality or state of being clear
- Ask – to call on for an answer; speak; utter; to make a request of; to call for; require; to set as a price; invite
- Clear – bright, luminous; cloudless; untroubled; serene; clean; pure; clean; pure; easily heard; easily visible; plain; easily understood; capable of sharp discernment; keen; free from doubt; sure; innocent
- Purpose – something set up as an object or end to be attained; intention; resolution; determination; a subject under discussion or an action in course of execution
- Sight – something that is seen; the process, power, or function of seeing; the act of looking at or beholding; a perception of an object by or as if by the eye; the range of vision; a device that aids the eye in aiming or in finding the direction of an object





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #9

All leaders are flawed because they are imperfect

Moses is known for being one of the greatest leaders to ever live by all races and people. He is also known for being a flawed leader who made mistakes.

It is natural for most to want to do things perfectly, but there is no such thing as being perfect when it comes to humanity.

The amazing thing about leadership is: Those that make mistakes get back up again and keep going. This is true leadership success.

When you fall and/or make a mistake, get back up again, and realize that this is part of the process.

You are going to make mistakes! Acknowledge your error, accept responsibility, and correct the damage. Get back up again and keep going.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Fall
- Mistake
- Realize
- Acknowledge
- Go
- Correct

Definitions

- Fall – to come within the limits, scope, or jurisdiction of something; to pass suddenly and passively into a state of body or mind or a new state or condition; to set about heartily or actively





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- Mistake – to blunder in the choice of; to misunderstand the meaning or intention of; to make a wrong judgment of the character or ability of; to identify wrongly
- Realize – to bring into concrete existence; accomplish; to cause to seem real; make appear real; to convert into actual money; to bring or get by sale, investment, or effort; gain; to conceive vividly as real; be fully aware of
- Acknowledge – to recognize the rights, authority, or status of; to disclose knowledge of or agreement with; to express gratitude or obligation for; to take notice of; to make known the receipt of; to recognize as genuine or valid
- Go – to move on a course; proceed; to move out of or away from a place expressed or implied; leave; depart; to take a certain course or follow a certain procedure; to proceed without delay and often in a thoughtless or reckless manner; to give access; lead; walk; to become lost, consumed, or spent; to give way especially under great force or pressure; break; succeed; to apply oneself; to begin an action or motion; to maintain or perform a certain action or motion; to be known; to act in accordance or harmony; to come to be determined; to come to be applied or appropriated; to contribute to an end or result; to be about, intending, or expecting something —used in a progressive tense before an infinitive; extend; to come or arrive at a certain state or condition; become; to undergo a change; to be compatible, suitable, or becoming; harmonize; to be capable of passing, extending, or being contained or inserted; belong; to have a tendency; conduce; to carry authority; to be acceptable, satisfactory, or adequate; to hold true; be valid
- Correct – to make or set right; amend; counteract; to alter or adjust to bring to some standard or required condition; to point out usually for amendment the errors or faults of



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #10

Team building habits (rituals)

As you read about Moses and review all the rituals in the Bible, you ask yourself - "Why are there so many rituals in the Bible?"

The reason: If people had just made up the practices as they went along, they would have missed countless opportunities for what we call 'team building' today.

From the simplest to the most complex, rituals are a way for men and women to demonstrate key values and affirm their sense of belonging to a group.

Take time to connect with those with which you are relating. Let things be an event, so that life is counted as special.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Ritual
- Key
- Belong
- Connect

Definitions

- Ritual – of or relating to rites or a ritual; ceremonial; according to religious law; done in accordance with social custom or normal protocol
- Key – a usually metal instrument by which the bolt of a lock is turned; any of various devices having the form or function of such a key; a means of gaining or preventing entrance, possession, or control; an instrumental or deciding factor; something that gives an explanation or identification or provides a solution; a list of words or phrases giving an explanation of symbols or abbreviations; an aid to interpretation or identification; clue; a map legend; a keystone in an arch; a small piece of wood or metal used as a wedge or for preventing motion between parts; one of the levers of a keyboard musical instrument that actuates the

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- mechanism and produces the tones; characteristic style or tone; the tone or pitch of a voice; the predominant tone of a photograph with respect to its lightness or darkness; the set of instructions governing the encipherment and decipherment of messages
- **Belong** – to be suitable, appropriate, or advantageous; to be in a proper situation; to be the property of a person or thing —used with *to*; to be attached or bound by birth, allegiance, or dependency —usually used with *to*; to be a member of a club, organization, or set —usually used with *to*; to be an attribute, part, adjunct, or function of a person or thing; to be properly classified
 - **Connect** – to become joined; to meet for the transference of passengers; to transfer; to have or establish a rapport; to establish a communications connection





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #11

The day of rest (relax, contemplate, re-create, and enjoy one day per week)

It is imperative that you take time every week to rest. If you do not, you will eventually wear down and not be as productive.

There is a reason Moses was instructed to give people one day of rest per week.

This one-day per week is to be used to reflect on your week; to relax; to have some recreation; to get energized; to get yourself focused again.

In fact, as you work with passion and focus through the week, we would recommend you take little rests to become focused again.

Why do we feel this way?

Scientific history is full of stories about great discoveries that were made when periods of intense concentration were followed by a time for play and relaxation.

Take time every week to rest, rejuvenate, focus, recreate, set your goals, and achieve your dreams.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Relax
- Rest
- Focus
- Rejuvenate
- Recreate
- Achieve

Definitions



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- Relax – to make less tense or rigid; slacken; to make less severe or stringent; modify; to deprive of energy, zeal, or strength of purpose; to relieve from nervous tension
- Rest – repose, sleep; a bodily state characterized by minimal functional and metabolic activities; freedom from activity or labor; a state of motionlessness or inactivity; a place for resting or lodging; peace of mind or spirit; something used for support
- Focus – a point at which rays; the geometrical lines or their prolongations conforming to the rays diverging from or converging toward another point intersect and give rise to an image after reflection by a mirror or refraction by a lens or optical system; a point of convergence of a beam of particles; focal length; adjustment for distinct vision; *also*: the area that may be seen distinctly or resolved into a clear image; a state or condition permitting clear perception or understanding; direction; a center of activity, attraction, or attention; a point of concentration; directed attention; emphasis
- Rejuvenate – to make young or youthful again; give new vigor to; to restore to an original or new state; to stimulate (a stream) to renewed erosive activity especially by uplift; to develop youthful features of topography in
- Recreate – to give new life or freshness to, refresh
- Achieve – to give new life or freshness to, refresh



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #12

Share your burden (do not carry the burden on your own)

People surrounded Moses every day that needed help in every area. Moses gave of himself; his care, his concern, and the wisdom God gave him from experiences and the teachings of God.

Moses, most likely, was burning out. He was doing the unthinkable... going it all by himself.

As leaders have it, there are always answers that come along to those that keep-plodding forward - Moses father-in-law gave him some awesome advice to have others help him carry the burden.

Moses, with the help of God, and a few others found several competent people and gave them responsibilities to help with the workload.

Moses delegated!

To thrive, you must delegate.

The interesting thing that Moses father-in-law (Jethro) told Moses was: "Do not appoint ten brilliant men, but ten capable, trustworthy men.

The best illustration is conveyed from the views of two stonecutters:

The first said, "I am cutting this stone into blocks." The other said, "I am on a team that is building a cathedral."

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Share
- Burden



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- Care
- Concern
- Answers
- Delegate
- Thrive

Definitions

- Share – to divide and distribute in shares; apportion; to partake of, use, experience, occupy, or enjoy with others; to have in common; to grant or give a share in; to tell (as thoughts, feelings, or experiences) others
- Burden – something that is carried; load; duty; responsibility; something oppressive or worrisome; the bearing of a load —usually used in the phrase *beast of burden*; capacity for carrying cargo; load
- Care – suffering of mind; grief; a disquieted state of mixed uncertainty, apprehension, and responsibility; painstaking or watchful attention; maintenance; regard coming from desire or esteem; charge; supervision; a person or thing that is an object of attention, anxiety, or solicitude
- Concern – to relate to; be about; to bear on; to have an influence on; involve; to be the business or affair of; to be a care, trouble, or distress to; engage; occupy
- Answers – something spoken or written in reply to a question; a correct response; a reply to a legal charge or suit; plea; defense; something done in response or reaction; a solution of a problem; one that imitates, matches, or corresponds to another
- Delegate – a person acting for another
- Thrive – to grow vigorously; flourish; to gain in wealth or possessions; prosper; to progress toward or realize a goal despite or because of circumstances



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #13

Reinvent yourself in adversity (during challenges and problems)

For a moment, take a quick look at one of the most powerful princes of his time - Moses.

Moses had to flee Egypt, the most powerful nation at that time.

He ran for his life into the desert and ended up in Midian. He became a shepherd in Midian, which was his ultimate mission in life. He went from being one of the most powerful princes of the time to a shepherd. Not what Moses would have ever thought?

The shepherd's staff became a symbol of his leadership and of God's power. Exile in the desert (Midian) created the leader, Moses.

What are some modern exiles?

- Termination
- Divorce
- Bankruptcy
- Sickness

Deep within each of us is the seed of renewal, often discovered only when we confront fears of change, rejection, and exile. If you can believe that the experience of exile will push you to greater heights that belief will help you get through the initial shock to the revelations that adversity can bring.

The most important lesson you can learn about adversity - "Do not judge something at first, because what may seem like a negative situation can actually be the blessing you have been looking for."

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:





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- Renewal
- Change
- Rejection
- Exile
- Belief
- Revelation
- Adversity
- Judge
- Look

Definitions

- Change – to make different in some particular; Alter; to make radically different; transform; to give a different position, course, or direction to; to replace with another; switch; to undergo a modification of
- Rejection – the action of rejecting; the state of being rejected; something rejected
- Exile – the state or a period of forced absence from one's country or home; the state or a period of voluntary absence from one's country or home; a person who is in exile
- Belief – a state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing; something believed; conviction of the truth of some statement or the reality of some being or phenomenon especially when based on examination of evidence
- Revelation – an act of revealing or communicating divine truth; something that is revealed by God to humans; an act of revealing to view or making known; something that is revealed; an enlightening or astonishing disclosure; a pleasant often enlightening surprise; an apocalyptic writing addressed to early Christians of Asia Minor and included as a book in the New Testament —also called *Apocalypse*
- Adversity – a state, condition, or instance of serious or continued difficulty or adverse fortune
- Judge – to form an opinion about through careful weighing of evidence and testing of premises; to sit in judgment; try; to determine or pronounce after

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- inquiry and deliberation; govern; rule; used of a Hebrew tribal leader; to form an estimate or evaluation of; to hold as an opinion; guess; think
- Look – to make sure or take care (that something is done); to ascertain using one's eyes; to exercise the power of vision upon; examine; to search for; expect; anticipate; to bring into a place or condition by the exercise of the power of vision; to express by the eyes or facial; to have an appearance that befits or accords with





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #14

Support your people (be there for others)

Moses stood up for the people of Israel! Even when most of the entire nation of Israel went against Moses leadership, he put his own life on the line.

His support for his people was steadfast and absolute.

It is more important now to not waiver - but stand up for those you know. No one can guarantee the fate of a company or an industry. Your commitment to your team (your people) is the only guarantee there is in business. As you make the daily commitment to be steadfast, the favor will be returned to you over time.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Support
- Stand
- Steadfast
- Absolute
- Waiver
- Favor

Definitions

- Support – to endure bravely or quietly; bear; to promote the interests or cause of; to uphold or defend as valid or right; advocate; assist; help; to bid in bridge so as to show support for; to provide with substantiation; corroborate; to pay the costs of; maintain; to provide a basis for the existence or subsistence of; to hold up or serve as a foundation or prop for; to maintain (a price) at a desired level by purchases or loans; *also*: to maintain the price of by purchases or loans; to keep from fainting, yielding, or losing courage; comfort; to keep (something) going
- Stand – to support oneself on the feet in an erect position; to be a specified height when fully erect; to rise to an erect position; to take up or maintain a specified position or posture; to maintain one's position; to be in a particular

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state or situation; to hold a course at sea; to have or maintain a relative position in or as if in a graded scale; to be in a position to gain or lose because of an action taken or a commitment made; to rest or remain upright on a base or lower end; to remain stationary or inactive; to gather slowly and remain; agree; accord

- Steadfast – rigidly fixed in place; immovable; not subject to change; firm in belief, determination, or adherence; loyal
- Absolute – free from imperfection; perfect; free or relatively free from mixture; pure; outright; unmitigated; being, governed by, or characteristic of a ruler or authority completely free from constitutional or other restraint; standing apart from a normal or usual syntactical relation with other words or sentence elements; no restriction, exception, or qualification; positive; unquestionable; independent of arbitrary standards of measurement; relating to or derived in the simplest manner from the fundamental units of length, mass, and time; relating to, measured on, or being a temperature scale based on absolute zero; fundamental; ultimate; perfectly embodying the nature of a thing; being self-sufficient and free of external references or relationships; being the true distance from an aircraft to the earth's surface
- Waiver – the act of intentionally relinquishing or abandoning a known right, claim, or privilege; the legal instrument evidencing such an act; the act of a club's waiving the right to claim a professional ball player who is being removed from another club's roster —often used in the phrase *on waivers* denoting the process by which a player to be removed from a roster is made available to other clubs
- Favor – friendly regard shown toward another especially by a superior; approving consideration or attention; approbation; partiality; leniency; permission; popularity; appearance; face; gracious kindness; an act of such kindness; aid; assistance; effort in one's behalf or interest; attention; a token of love (as a ribbon) usually worn conspicuously; a special privilege or right granted or conceded; letter; behalf; interest



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #15

Defend justice because it is the right thing to do

All leaders eventually learn that no good deed goes unpunished.

As a leader you must stand against injustice every time it occurs. Expect no thanks, no glory, and no support for your actions.

Like Moses people who stood out against him when he did what was right, you may encounter the same thing.

Your willingness to stand against injustice will win you the one element all great leaders possess: the trust of their followers. Trust takes time and is cumulative. It is the constant of you doing what is right that builds the account.

As Moses found out, eyes are everywhere. Your actions will be discovered and discussed, praised, and cursed, as Moses were. Because Moses did not waver in his direction, he was assured by God, "They (the people) will hearken to your voice."

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Defend
- Justice
- Encounter
- Assured

Definitions

- Defend – to drive danger or attack away from; to maintain or support in the face of argument or hostile criticism; to prove (as a doctoral thesis) valid by answering questions in an oral exam; to attempt to prevent an opponent from scoring at; prevent; forbid; to act as attorney for; to deny or oppose the right of a plaintiff regarding (a suit or a wrong charged); contest; to retain or seek to retain (as a title or position) against a challenge in a contest



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- Justice – the maintenance or administration of what is just especially by the impartial adjustment of conflicting claims or the assignment of merited rewards or punishments; judge; the administration of law; the establishment or determination of rights according to the rules of law or equity; the quality of being just, impartial, or fair; the principle or ideal of just dealing or right action; conformity to this principle or ideal; righteousness; the quality of conforming to law; conformity to truth, fact, or reason; correctness
- Encounter – to meet as an adversary or enemy; to engage in conflict with; to come upon face-to-face; to come upon or experience especially unexpectedly
- Assured – characterized by certainty or security; guaranteed; self-assured; self-satisfied; satisfied as to the certainty or truth of a matter





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #16

Have compassion, but stick to the principles

Moses was a very compassionate person but did not let anyone bend the rules. He balanced compassion and true commitment to principles very well. This kept the Israelites going down the correct path as a nation.

Moses' commitment to God matched only by his compassion for his people created turmoil in him regularly. He struggled with this balance all his life but kept trying.

It is a hard thing to be tough on someone with truth, but when done with compassion will change lives. Some will reject the truth, but others will take hold of your compassion and the commitment to principles and their life will change for the better.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Compassion
- Principles
- Rules
- Try
- Truth
- Change

Definitions

- Compassion – sympathetic consciousness of others' distresses together with a desire to alleviate it
- Principles – a comprehensive and fundamental law, doctrine, or assumption; a rule or code of conduct; habitual devotion to right principles; the laws or facts of nature underlying the working of an artificial device; a primary source; origin; an underlying faculty or endowment; an ingredient (as a chemical) that exhibits or imparts a characteristic quality; divine principle; God
- Rules – a prescribed guide for conduct or action; the laws or regulations prescribed by the founder of a religious order for observance by its members; an

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- accepted procedure, custom, or habit; a usually written order or direction made by a court regulating court practice or the action of parties; a legal precept or doctrine e: a regulation or bylaw governing procedure or controlling conduct; a usually valid generalization; a generally prevailing quality, state, or mode; a standard of judgment; criterion; a regulating principle; a determinate method for performing a mathematical operation and obtaining a certain result; the exercise of authority or control; dominion; a period during which a specified ruler or government exercises control; a strip of material marked off in units used especially for measuring; ruler; tape measure; a metal strip with a type-high face that prints a linear design; *also*: a linear design produced by or as if by such a strip
- Try – to examine or investigate judicially; to participate as counsel in the judicial examination of; to put to test or trial; to subject to something (as undue strain or excessive hardship or provocation) that tests the powers of endurance; demonstrate; prove; purify; refine; to melt down and procure in a pure state; render; to fit or finish with accuracy; to try at —often used with an infinitive
 - Truth – fidelity; constancy; sincerity in action, character, and utterance; the state of being the case; fact; the body of real things, events, and facts; actuality; a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality; a judgment, proposition, or idea that is true or accepted as true; the body of true statements and propositions; the property (as of a statement) of being in accord with fact or reality; true; fidelity to an original or to a standard
 - Change – to make different in some particular; Alter; to make radically different; transform; to give a different position, course, or direction to; to replace with another; switch; to undergo a modification of





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #17

Gossip is harmful

Take a moment and see the following scenario....

You live in a town of let's say 10,000 people.... The wind is blowing about 25 miles per hour. There is a pillow. You see your neighbor cut the pillow open. This is not foam filled pillow – it is a goose down pillow. In other words, this pillow has about 5,000 goose feathers in it.

The wind blows these feathers all over town, the country beyond town, and any other area you can imagine.

You might be thinking what do feathers being blown around have to do with gossip? Gossip works in the same way! How can you go out and find and pick-up all 5,000 feathers – you cannot! It is an impossible task.

Moses made it noticeably clear that any gossip was forbidden!

Why?

When a person gossips, three people are damaged: the teller; the listener; and the target.

The bottom line is: Do not talk about other people.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Gossip
- Talk

Definitions





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- Gossip – a person who habitually reveals personal or sensational facts about others; rumor or report of an intimate nature; a chatty talk; the subject matter of gossip
- Talk – to deliver or express in speech; utter; to make the subject of conversation or discourse; discuss; to influence, affect, or cause by talking; to use (a language) for conversing or communicating; speak





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #18

Maintain honest business

When we are not honest, we pay a price. In life, the TRUTH will always find us out – good or bad.

When we are not honest in our business, we lose self-respect, we become less sensitive, and we lose trust between with people.

The best policy is to always do what is right. Overall, we live longer lives, sleep better at night, have a clean conscience, sow fields that will reap healthy harvests, and we build solid trust relationships.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Honest
- Respect
- Right
- Sow
- Reap

Definitions

- Honest – free from fraud or deception; legitimate; truthful; genuine; real; humble; plain; reputable; respectable; good; worthy; > creditable; praiseworthy; marked by integrity; marked by free, forthright, and sincere expression; frank; innocent; simple
- Respect – a relation or reference to a thing or situation; an act of giving attention; consideration; high or special regard; esteem; the quality or state of being esteemed; expressions of high or special regard or deference; particular; detail
- Right – right; upright; being in accordance with what is just, good, or proper; conforming to facts or truth; correct; suitable; appropriate; straight; genuine; real; of, relating to, situated on, or being the side of the body which is away from

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the side on which the heart is mostly located; located nearer to the right hand than to the left; located to the right of an observer facing the object specified or directed as the right arm would point when raised out to the side; located on the right of an observer facing in the same direction as the object specified; located on the right when facing downstream; done with the right hand; having the axis perpendicular to the base; of, relating to, or constituting the principal or more prominent side of an object; acting or judging in accordance with truth or fact; being in good physical or mental health or order; being in a correct or proper state; most favorable or desired; preferable; socially acceptable; of, adhering to, or constituted by the Right especially in politics

- Sow – to plant seed for growth especially by scattering; to set something in motion; begin an enterprise; to scatter (as seed) upon the earth for growth; plant; to strew with or as if with seed; introduce into a selected environment; to set in motion; foment; to spread abroad; disperse
- Reap – to cut with a sickle, scythe, or reaping machine; to clear of a crop by reaping; to gather by reaping; harvest; obtain; win





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #19

Get on the level (be where each person is at in their life)

When you deal with anyone, get on his or her level.

When you stop and think about people, including yourself, we are all on different levels, have different life experiences, have different skills, have different upbringings, have different goals and dreams, have different educations, and different ... everything!

To be effective in life, we must learn how to get on the level with each person we meet. In other words, we must see and feel where each person is and where he or she wants to go – if you will do this, you will see greater successes in your life.

Moses was able to experience each person and where they were coming from. He was a true leader and walked among the people – that is why he was able to lead as a leader.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Life
- Experience
- Effective
- Level

Definitions

- Life – the quality that distinguishes a vital and functional being from a dead body; a principle or force that is considered to underlie the distinctive quality of animate beings; an organismic state characterized by capacity for metabolism, growth, reaction to stimuli, and reproduction; the sequence of physical and mental experiences that make up the existence of an individual; one or more aspects of the process of living; biography; spiritual existence transcending physical death; the period from birth to death; a specific phase of earthly existence; the period from an event until death; a sentence of imprisonment for the remainder of a convict's life; a way or manner of living; livelihood; a vital or

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living being; person; an animating and shaping force or principle; spirit; animation; the form or pattern of something existing in reality; the period of duration, usefulness, or popularity of something; the period of existence; living beings (as of a particular kind or environment); human activities; animate activity and movement <stirrings of *life*>; the activities of a given sphere, area, or time; God

- Experience – direct observation of or participation in events as a basis of knowledge; the fact or state of having been affected by or gained knowledge through direct observation or participation; practice; knowledge, skill, or practice derived from direct observation of or participation in events or in a particular activity; the length of such participation; the conscious events that make up an individual life; the events that make up the conscious past of a community or nation or humankind generally; something personally encountered, undergone, or lived through; the act or process of directly perceiving events or reality
- Effective – producing a decided, decisive, or desired effect; impressive; ready for service or action; actual; being in effect; operative
- Level – a device for establishing a horizontal line or plane by means of a bubble in a liquid that shows adjustment to the horizontal by movement to the center of a slightly bowed glass tube; a measurement of the difference of altitude of two points by means of a level; horizontal condition; a position in a scale or rank (as of achievement, significance, or value); the magnitude of a quantity considered in relation to an arbitrary reference value; magnitude; intensity





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #20

Know where you have been and where you are going

Leadership is all about leading, which is being able to influence others.

People can sense that you really care, that you really understand, that you really know where you want to go, and that you really believe passionately in what you are doing.

If you have this, you will be able to know where you are going, end up where you want to go, and help others get to where they want to go.

Knowing where you are going and knowing where you are at will give you the power to make wise decisions, lead with confidence, and empower others.

Moses taught the people how to survive in the desert. When you know where you are and where you are going, you can teach your team and others how to be survivors and overcome.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Influence
- Understand
- Passion
- Survive
- Overcome

Definitions

Influence –

Understand –

Passion –

Survive –

Overcome –





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #21

The Direct Path is sometimes not the best

Think about it for a moment ... ponder ... life ... the many twists, turns, challenges, mistakes, hurdles, problems, and ... just about anything else that keep you from where you are going.

If you review and study successful people from all walks of life, what do you see in many of the success cases? The very success of each person came from the very challenges they did not want to face. The good news is, “Each person of fame in every walk of life, in every culture, in every income bracket, from rich to poor, faced the challenge and allowed the challenge and the long road to become the very answer to where they wanted to go.”

If you look at Moses and the 3 million plus people he led, he took the long route – 40 years! A few week journeys took 40 years! I know you are thinking, “WHAT? WHY? HOW COME?”

Many times, in life, we may think we are ready for where we are going, but we are not. We need preparation time. We need to build certain areas (character, patience, understanding, wisdom, relationships, and many other areas) to be able to get to the destination of success.

The shortest time and the shortest route and the shortest ... are many times not the best way.

Listen to what you are experiencing and what is going on around you daily as you are making your trek through life’s journey. I know you will be amazed at what you find out.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Turn
- Mistake





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- Hurdle
- Problem
- Ready
- Prepare
- Destination
- Listen





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #22

It is good to make plans and follow them, but....

It is especially important in life to make plans and do our best to follow them. In fact, we might have the right plan, be called to do this certain plan, but our timing might be completely off.

As Moses tried to carry out the plans of liberating his people, he took the plan into his own hands and did not ask and wait for the right time and right resources. He tried to set his people free in his own strength, time, and resource. He failed miserably.

The good news is Moses waited, listened, and learned how to have “the work of his hands” directed ... From this, Moses became one of the greatest leaders of all time, helped more than 3 million people become free from the most powerful nation at that time, and established a nation that has changed the course of history in all areas.

Make your plans, work your plans, and let “the work of your hands” be established and directed.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Plan
- Wait
- Listen
- Learn
- Fail
- Establish
- Direct
- Make





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #23

There is always a way of escape

Can you imagine having one of the most powerful armies' races towards you with their fierceness, their weapons, their might, and their mass? And, to make matters worse, how about not having defensive weaponry? How about being in a place where you could not hide, run, and hide from your enemy?

Well ... This did happen. As Moses led his people free from the Egyptians, he was led through a geographical area where the Israelites could go nowhere. They were cornered against the Red Sea with nowhere to go. Most of the people complained against Moses. Most of the people thought they were dead. Most of the people wanted to surrender and go back as slaves.

Moses did not know what was going to happen next. He knew he had only one answer: The way of escape. He prayed and asked what he should do. He received an answer, and like most of us, did not like the answer. In fact, to succeed in life, we must be willing to do things that are not in our agenda, do things that are not comfortable, do things that go against our human nature....

Moses was told to BE STILL!

Can you see the picture – the enemy racing towards you and your people? A huge storm of dust! Hundreds of chariots! Tens of thousands of elite soldiers! All coming at you and your people!

Moses was told: Quit crying, act in faith, tell the people to move on, raise your staff, stretch your staff over the water (the Red Sea), and part the Red Sea!!!

Well....





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This has never been done before! When we are in action in our life progressing forward towards what we are trying to accomplish, and we listen carefully and be still, GREAT THINGS WILL HAPPEN!!!

But ... we must be willing to do things that seem out of the ordinary. We must be willing to allow challenging situations to mold us towards the right and proper answers for **our WAY OF ESCAPE!**

What are you doing today to allow challenges to give you your answer?

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Faith
- Act
- Pray
- Willing





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #24

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When you do what is right for your people (team), as Moses did, and you lead as a servant, your enemies will be conquered.

Look at the results of what happened after Moses used his staff and the Red Sea was parted.

You can see the high walls of water tens of feet on each side. The expanse of more than three million people in awe at the power of God released because of Moses servant leader heart.

Moses people went across the floor of the Red Sea ... from a total wet bottom to a dry bottom.

Yet, the elite Egyptian army is still racing towards them. The Israelites (Moses people) hurried across ... the floor of the Red Sea.

Moses released the power of the Almighty because he did what was right with a servant leader heart.

Read what happened ...

“The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night, the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of the chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, ‘Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.’”

What happened next?



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As most of the Egyptians were in the bottom of the Red Sea, Moses stretched his staff across the Red Sea, and the water went back to its place and drowned all the Egyptians.

As Moses and his team (people) traveled, fear swept across entire countries and empires because of the incredible things that took place.

As you lead others, you will run into challenges. Do not fear. Do what is right with a servant's heart of leadership and you will win for your team and you.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Incredible
- Impossible
- Fear





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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #25

When there seems to be no resources, money, and time, look again!

Can you imagine being led to take millions of people into the desert!!!

Think about it ... no water, no food, 115 to 125 degrees, fatal insects ... Just the resources they were carrying with them.

Moses knew he is supposed to take these ex-slaves to a promised land of comfort, food, water, resources, enterprise, and land. But he must take them through the desert.

If you were one of these people, whom you are at many times in your life, what would you be thinking?

How we are thinking and how we are looking and the goal we have our eyes on determines our results. If it were not for Moses and the great leaders he had on his team, they would never have arrived at the destination they were going to.

If you review the story, it is like all of us. We go through life trying to get somewhere, accomplish things, reach destinations, and go places ... the only problem is, if you look at some people's lives, they stop and camp out in their life. What do I mean? They are going somewhere, and the Desert gets too hot. They are thirsty and starving. They feel that it is too much to go on ... so they camp and never move forward again to the goal ahead of them. The unfortunate thing is many never get back on the road again to accomplish the things they set out to do.

To be a leader requires looking at things from a different perspective, a different angle, a different belief ... Moses had millions of people that had gone without water for 3 days. What would you have done at this point?

I am sure Moses was wondering, "God, what do you want me to do? I am just a man. Where am I going to find water for these people? I do not even know the geography of this desert ..."

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Moses evaluated what was at hand (the resources available to him), the predicament (the challenge confronting you), where he was supposed to take these people (the goal), and he concluded that he could not find the adequate resources in the natural realm (what we see with our eyes), and he rested in his belief by crying out.

Have you ever come to the end of yourself and cried out? Because you knew you did not have the answer to your situation? There is great power in knowing that we know extraordinarily little in life and being willing to confront the situation with honesty and humility.

His belief was, “what can I do now?”

He got an answer to his challenge of providing water to millions of people.

He was instructed to do something out of the norm ... seemed crazy ... he was told to throw a piece of wood into a huge body of water that was poisonous. He listened, followed the instruction, and obeyed the leading.

Have you ever felt fearful about what others might think?

If you evaluate many successful people in life over the last several thousand years, you will find out something remarkably interesting. These people started becoming successful when they stopped caring about what others might think of them (their fear).

Look around you today. Stop. Look for challenges in your life to be your answer because that is the case in most people's lives when they succeed!

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Follow
- Obey
- Look



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- Challenge

Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #26

Leaders are criticized and held to a higher standard

Who did the people go to when they got thirsty and hungry again?

They complained to Moses stating that he did not care that he brought them out to the desert to die, that they would have been better off as slaves, that ... it was Moses fault for the predicament they were in.

When you lead, you will be held to a higher standard, and more people will criticize you.

Does this mean you should not be a leader? Absolutely not!!!

It means that you will need to understand where you are at, where you are going, and be willing to work through the difficulties of what people bring to you (their thoughts, their feelings, their doubts, their challenges, them.).

The people grumbled to Moses saying, "Why do you bring us out here to die?"

You might be in the situation where an individual or group or company or organization is against you that you thought was with you. What do you do?

Well, what did Moses say and do?

He cried out and said, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

This is a life and death situation for Moses. He gave up his all-powerful position with the greatest nation of that time. He gave up his successful enterprise as a shepherd. He





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gave up his family privacy. He gave up all for these people and they ended up complaining against him and blaming him.

Sounds like a grave situation from all sides for Moses.

So, what did Moses do? He cried out!!!

He looked to the Almighty, believed, waited for an answer, listened, and activated the answer he was given, and HE SUCCEEDED!!!

He took his staff and hit the rock, and enough water came gushing out to quench the thirst of millions of people!!!

If you feel like your situation is desperate and you feel like others are against you, do not fret!!! Realize that this will happen to leaders that dare to be great! In fact, if you have opposition in your life, let it work for you.

Do the following consistently and you will succeed over time:

Stop – Evaluate – Goals – Destination – Listen – Decision – Activate!

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Criticize
- Opposition
- Stop
- Evaluate
- Goal
- Destination
- Listen
- Listen
- Decision
- Activate



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #27

The greatest leaders always continue to learn from others

As the old saying goes, “the day you camp out is the day you die” is true.

This means that if you:

- Quit learning
- Stop listening to other leaders
- Do not humble yourself by knowing that you are a leader because others trust you and your influence
- Remember where you have come from
- Focus on what you are doing today and where you are going
- Do not keep growing in understanding, knowledge, ideas, activities, and other areas of life out of your box ...

You have stopped growing and will not sustain or grow as a leader....

Jethro, Moses father-in-law, visited Moses in the desert. Moses told Jethro about all the great things: The 10 plagues; the Red Sea; the provisions of water and food; Moses people’s shoes and clothing not wearing out; and all the other incredible things that took place.

Jethro changed his beliefs and gave honor to Moses God.

After this, Jethro stayed and observed the daily happenings. From this, Jethro suggested that Moses activate judges who would oversee the doings, disputes, and happenings of the millions of people.

Moses listened to Jethro and activated what Jethro suggested. From this, Moses became a greater leader, was able to focus on his gifts with more ability, provided better service to the people, and obtained greater results quicker.



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Be aware of leaders that come to you, listen to the leaders, and become a greater leader yourself.

Be humble in your life with others.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Learn
- Humble



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Life Lesson, Life Principle, and Life Truth #28

Many open doors are known as crisis

Crisis is sometimes the only door to change.

Human nature causes all of us to grow comfortable with what we know. This is acceptable if you can persist in your leadership growth. The problem is: Most people do not change because they start believing they are secure. The only security is change, which causes us to continue to grow.

If you can accept this, embrace this truth, and apply this to your life, you will always grow and see challenges and problems as a stepping-stone for your leadership success.

Once a crisis is recognized for what it is, a spirit of open-mindedness - sparked by the urge to survive - replaces the old assumptions. Most people can and do rise to the challenge.

Bible Verses and Topics for this area are:

- Crisis
- Grow

