

# LEADERSHIP

**TEXT: *Psalms 23:2-3:***

***<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.***

***<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake.***

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Each one of us had to have someone lead us in the very first steps we ever took. The last trip you and I will make, someone will be taking us. God has likened us unto sheep. If anyone here knows the nature of sheep, you know a sheep cannot find its own way; it has to be led.



The first hands that likely led you were those of a loving mother or a proud father.

***Psalms 80:1: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; Thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.***

***Isaiah 48:17: Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God Who teacheth thee to profit, Who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.***

***John 10:3: To Him the porter openeth; and the Sheep hear His Voice: and He calleth His Own Sheep by name, and leadeth them out.***

***Hebrews 8:9: Not according to the Covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.***



There is another kind of leadership which all of us needed. We needed someone to show us how to dress, how to keep clean, and how to tie our

shoes.

## **THERE IS ANOTHER KIND OF LEADERSHIP THAT IS NECESSARY.**

We are traveling through this world but once, and we need a spiritual leader and guide to direct us in this CHARTED course from earth to Heaven. The Bible is our roadmap. We need the Sunday School Teacher, the Minister, and the close fellowship of mature saints of God to help us on our journey.

### **Mark 10:13-22:**

**13 And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them: and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.**

**14 But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God.**

**15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.**

**16 And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.**



**17 And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?**

**18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but one, Who is, God.**

**19 Thou knowest the Commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.**

**20 And he answered and said unto Him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.**

**21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.**

**22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.**



Here we have the life story of a young man who comes to the Lord Jesus who feels an incompleteness in his spiritual life. His parents, pastor, and teachers have come short in bringing him to a satisfying relationship with God. There was something good and outstanding about this young man. He had good

character, was raised right, and showed great respect for our Lord Jesus in that he came running to Him, bowed, and worshipped, thus showing how he appreciated Him. He was a greatly successful businessman. He was a religious man and had a lot that was good about him.

But when he was confronted with LEADERSHIP, he departed, leaving sorrowfully. All the religious training he had received, as good as it was, did not bring him the answer to his heart's greatest desire for ETERNAL LIFE, nor did it bring him up to willing obedience to Jesus' commandment to FOLLOW HIM.

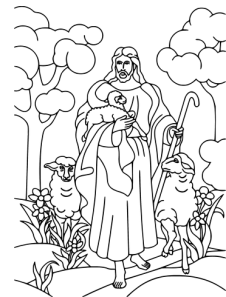


He had the power of CHOICE, just like you have. He wanted eternal life, and this comes by receiving Christ as both Saviour and Lord. You have the power of choice to do this also, just like you can choose if you want to be educated or not, how you wish to dress, wear long or short hair, and so forth.

Jesus must lead us if we are His Sheep. *“My Sheep hear My voice and they FOLLOW ME.”*

***John 10:27: My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me:***

In this Laodicean Age, Jesus is outside because there is something wrong inside. People are not living by the Word. When we are born of incorruptible Seed, we must live by the Word of God. We are children of The King, The Lord Jesus Christ.



You have a right to choose: you choose a girl, and if she accepts you, then you will marry. That young man had a choice to accept eternal life, but he refused it and turned it down, because he rejected the LEADERSHIP of JESUS CHRIST. This is the most fatal mistake that anyone could ever make. See where his choice led him. He was a rich man, a businessman, a religious man, popular, but he was dead spiritually.

This does not have to be so. As long as there is breath, there is time to be BORN AGAIN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

***LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER***

***“Father in Heaven, I come to YOU now.  
I confess that I am a sinner.***

*I know that I have done many wrong and sinful things.  
I cannot change myself, but YOU can change me.  
I ask YOU to help me.  
Thank YOU Jesus, for dying for my sins.  
Thank YOU for taking my punishment for me.  
Please forgive me now. Please take my sins away.  
Make me a Child of God.  
I accept YOU now as my own Saviour.  
I will Love You, and all my life and I will live for You:  
And if necessary I will die for YOU.  
Change my life and make me pure and holy as YOU are.  
In Jesus' Name." AMEN*