

CARE

CARE MODULE #2

COMPETENCY: Be prepared spiritually, emotionally, and practically each week to facilitate a healthy group time.

Opening Question: What comes to mind when you think about getting health? Has there been a time in your life when you have tried to get health, if so what did that look like?

Scripture: James 1:22-25

Question: What is God calling us to do in this passage?

Question: What are some challenges you face in implementing what God is calling you to do in this passage?

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment 1: Read, *A Leader's Spiritual Place - Personal* and answer questions.

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A Leader's Spiritual Place - Personal

Leadership involves a lot of “doing.” We set goals, make plans, schedule and set up rooms, read Leader forums and articles, help train others, organize files, order workbooks, greet those attending, facilitate activities and groups—you name it, a leader is doing it. You’ve done some of those, haven’t you?

But in all the busyness of “doing,” there is an important element of leadership we want to be careful not to forget.

It’s about “being” not “doing”—being the person, the man or woman of character, who bears the fruit of the Spirit in his/her life. The focus is on being someone who more and more resembles the Lord we are seeking to know better, spending time with and allowing His Word to permeate all of one’s life.

A “Leader’s Spiritual Place” is not a building where people attend church. It’s personal; it’s within. Developing, deepening and sharing that Spiritual Place is what our Christian walk, especially as leaders, is all about. Today more than ever we need moral purity and visible godly character in our role as leaders. We can be busy doing outside leadership and neglect what’s taking place within us—our inner leadership. Is that true of you?

How’s your Spiritual Place doing? Is it healthy, vibrant and growing? Or is it weak, parched and rarely visited? Whatever your answer, it can improve with God’s help and His grace. But He won’t do it apart from your involvement. You still have to choose to set aside time to allow Him to work within you. A relationship with Him requires action on your part to make this happen. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you [James 4:8 NKJV].

Daily prayer and daily reading His Word are foundational to a stronger Spiritual Place. Being doers of His Word and not hearers only is not only a good idea, it’s a biblical directive found in James 1:22. He wants us to be of a certain character and then to live that out in our day-to-day lives. Doing so makes us even more effective as leaders.

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how is your Spiritual Place doing? What are you doing that is working or what do you need to adjust?
2. What is the number one thing you could do to strengthen your Spiritual Place? What are you going to do about your answer?
3. What is one thing that challenged or encouraged you in this article?
4. What questions did this article raise for you?
5. What accountability questions would you like for me to ask you next time we meet?