

# The Mentor Leader VI

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# The Model of a Mentor Leader: Living the Message

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- Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary use words (St. Francis of Assisi)



# The Model of a Mentor Leader

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- You will be known by your words and your actions
  - Jesus said, “It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth...the words you speak come from the heart – that’s what defiles you.” (Mathew 15: 11-18)



# The Model of a Mentor Leader

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- You will also be known by your faith and your heart.
  - The commitments of your heart will write the legacy you leave the world



# Known by your Words and Actions

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- You can tell the world who you are, but the you they see in action will be the you they remember.
  - Who is the you that you want the world to see?
  - Who are you? Who do you want to be? Who should you be?
  - Who did God create you to be?



# Known by your Words and Actions

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- What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?
  - Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well" – but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. (James 2: 14-18)

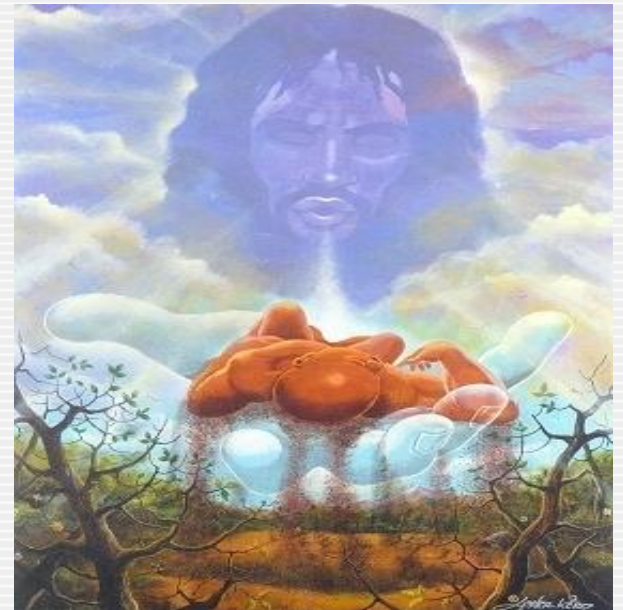


A GOOD DEED  
BRIGHTENS  
A DARK WORLD

# Known by your Words and Actions

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- Be the role model that God created you to be for others
- Be the message that He intended for you to be to all the world. It may just be that someone needs that message, that model, that example at this very moment.



# Known by your Faith

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- Faith is the foundation for everything else.
- Faith is the essence and energy that empowers and encourages leaders to go on when they're not sure they can.
- Faith is what drives us to look for potential in the lives of others and then compels us to build into those lives.
- Faith is the foundation and strength of the Mentor Leader, the guiding principle behind everything we do.





# Known by Faith

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- In Matthew 7: 24-27, two men built houses – one on sand and the other on rock. The houses were the same in all respects – except for the foundation. They looked the same, were built from the same materials, and provided the same shelter. For a while. Over time, however, the elements – adversity – tested the houses, and the differences appeared. The house on the rock stood firm, while the house on the sand was washed away. The house that survived was the one built on the foundation of faith in God.



# Known by your Legacy

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- Mentor Leaders will be known by their legacy.
  - The legacy we leave is a composite of the many things that guide the daily steps of the Mentor Leader.
    - ✦ Relationships – Impact – Involvement – Character – Faith – Actions
- Look for lives to change and hearts to impact, that we might model the message of the Mentor Leader, leaving a legacy of changed lives and a better world, day by day, one life at a time.



# Action Steps

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- Consider your legacy. You can tell the world who you are, but the you they hear and see in action will be the you they remember.
  - What kind of legacy are you building?



# Action Steps

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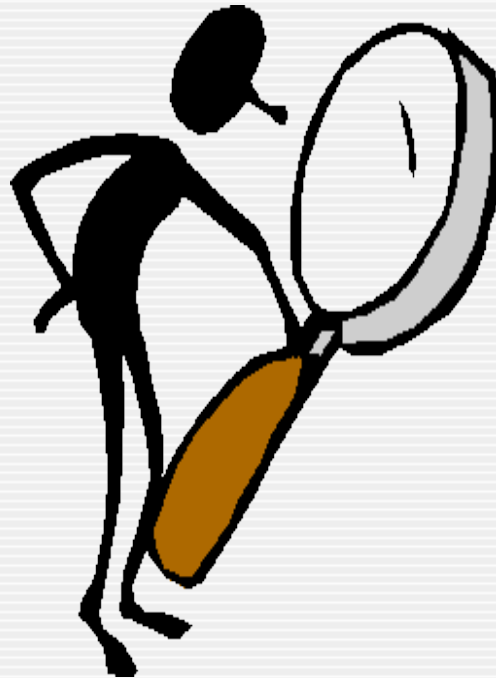
- Evaluate your consistency. Do your actions mirror your words? There is no surer way to create a credibility gap than if they don't.



# Action Steps

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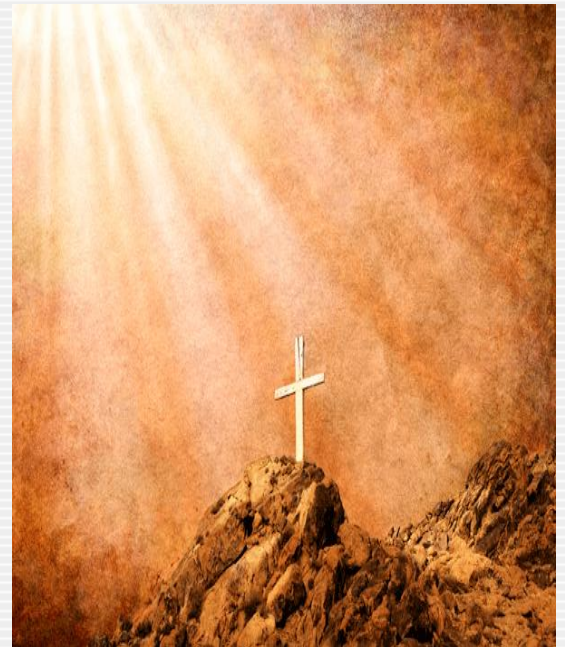
- Examine your words. What comes out of your mouth reveals the condition of your heart. What do your words reveal about your thoughts, motives, and attitudes?



# Action Steps

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- Evaluate your faith. Does your faith create a foundation that others can believe in? Are you building on sand or on solid rock?



*The End*

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