



Only one person can ensure that we end up somewhere on purpose. And that person isn't in Congress or the White House. They're in our house. In fact, we look at that person in the mirror every morning. We face our greatest leadership challenge every morning when we face ourselves.

We can all agree that we'll never be leaders worth following if we don't lead ourselves well. But how?

Here are three decisions that can help:

**Decision #1:** I will not lie to myself, even when the truth makes me feel bad about myself.

Is there something about yourself that you're currently trying to ignore?

What are the pros and cons of telling yourself the unfiltered truth?

You can't lead yourself as long as you're lying to yourself.

Who can help you better see your blind spots, and be honest about them?

**Decision #2:** I will prioritize what I value most over what I want now.

Defining success with a "not" will *not* set you up well.

What are some "not" goals you currently have?

(Example: I will not be an angry person; I will not prioritize work over family.)

Now think about your actual values and how you prioritize them.

At work, I value \_\_\_\_\_  
so I prioritize \_\_\_\_\_.

Financially, I value \_\_\_\_\_  
so I prioritize \_\_\_\_\_.

At home, I value \_\_\_\_\_  
so I prioritize \_\_\_\_\_.

**Decision #3:** I will not attempt to lead myself by myself.

Our friends influence, and often determine, the direction and quality of our lives.

Do your friends make you a better person? How?

Who in your life has permission to ask you hard and uncomfortable questions?

How receptive are you to their feedback?

Which of the three decisions will be hardest for you to embrace right now? Why?

Read **John 13:34-35**

How might our country be affected if followers of Jesus prioritized people like Jesus did?

What would it look like for you to value most what he valued most?

**MOVING FORWARD**

Our nation will never be greater than the American in the mirror. We can avoid undermining our own success and start leading ourselves well if we're willing to take a hard look at ourselves first.

Think about the ways Jesus has loved you.

Now... how you can love people as Jesus has loved you.

*"This is how everyone will know you are my disciples."*