

SONS + DAUGHTERS

OF GOD

Aspiring to Lead – Qualities of Those Who End up Spiritually Ahead

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1. Think about one area of your life that is going well. What do you do to make that happen?
2. Pastor Mark gave the example of life being like a box of chocolates with a guide that tells us where the good ones are. If we want the good ones, we must pay attention to what we're eating. Why do you think having a strategy (paying attention) often results in good things for your life?
3. Whether it's from our inattentiveness or something out of our control, sometimes, we get a "bad piece of chocolate" that seems hard or evil or unfair. In Genesis 50:20, Joseph said to his brothers after they sold him into slavery, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." Have you ever been through a difficult situation that seemed harmful at the time, but God ultimately used it for good? Please share this situation.
4. In Galatians 6:7, it describes the principle of sowing and reaping. Can you give an example of this principle holding true in your life? What would you like to sow and reap that you currently aren't?
5. What is slowing you down in your attempt to end up ahead? Think in terms of your sin standards as they relate to your moral, verbal, financial, and relational life. To get ahead spiritually, we need to be above reproach. One way to ensure this is to aggressively fight sin (see Matthew 5:30). Are you? In what ways? How can you increase your diligence in one of these areas of your life?
6. Having a correct view of marriage is key in successful leadership. How can God develop you in a difficult marriage (or other relationship)? How does not having an easy exit strategy keep you on course?
7. Imagine, for a moment, what God could accomplish if you stay with a spouse for the rest of your life. If you're single, imagine what God could do through you if you remain faithful to Him for the rest of your life. Share your dreams with the group.