LEADERSHIP LESSON #13 - FAITH

LESSON

Several years ago, I jumped out of an airplane. I was terrified, but still did it. Why?

1. It was on my bucket list
2. Somebody else paid for it
3. I was strapped to a trained professional

But, in order to make the jump, I needed faith. Faith in the airplane. Faith in the parachute. Faith in my "professional". Some people, having the same faith, have actually not made it. Their parachute got twisted or didn't open. They hit the wing on exit. They landed incorrectly etc. Same faith. Different result.

EXPLANATION

Every one exhibits faith, whether they recognize it or not.
And as Christians, we're required to exercise our faith in order to grow spiritually. But displaying biblical faith assumes a person has first experienced saving faith. Becoming a Christian and living the Christian life are two different things. The first is a moment in time decision – a total commitment and belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You give your life to Jesus: ONE time for ALL time.

The second is a process that begins the instant you become a Christian. From the time of conversion (made your decision to follow Christ), God shapes and molds you to become more like His Son. Of course, unlike Jesus, you'll never be perfect or become the "finished article", but with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you, you'll begin to think, speak and act like Him. This doesn't happen in a day – it is a lifetime process – lived out on a daily basis.

APPLICATION

In order to be a Godly leader, you must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If not, you might be a good leader – a brilliant leader – but you can never be called a Godly leader.

DIRECTION

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23)