



# LEADERS & DAWGZ 21 DAY DEVOTIONAL

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# Welcome to the "Leaders and Dawgz 21 Day Devotional"

This is a transformative journey through the lives of influential leaders and go-getters of the Bible. This devotional aims to inspire and guide you as you navigate the exciting and often challenging role of a leader in your community, workplace, or family. Leadership is a noble calling, one that requires steadfastness, compassion, wisdom, and unwavering faith. In the pages that follow, we'll explore the lives of individuals in the Bible who embodied different aspects of leadership, understanding how their journeys can shape and enrich our own. In the journey of leadership, we'll explore two key archetypes: "Leaders" and "Dawgz."

Leaders are the visionaries, the individuals who guide, inspire, and motivate, much like a shepherd caring for their flock. Dawgz, on the other hand, are the go-getters, the ones with tenacity and determination, always ready to take on challenges and make things happen. Throughout this 21 day devotional, we'll delve into their stories, reflect on relevant scriptures, and offer prayers and practical applications to help you cultivate the qualities of a true "galvanizer" and a go-getter for God's glory." Our prayer is that through this exploration, you'll be strengthened, encouraged, and equipped to lead with integrity, love, and faithfulness.

May this devotional be a source of inspiration and transformation as you embrace the calling of leadership in your unique sphere of influence. Let us embark on this journey together, seeking God's guidance and wisdom to become the leaders He has designed us to be.

# Day 1: Vision and Purpose

Scripture: Proverbs 29:18 -

**Reflection:** Understanding our calling as leaders begins with a clear vision and purpose. Let us seek God for the vision He has for our lives and leadership roles.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, grant us clarity of vision and purpose in our roles as leaders. Help us comprehend the plans You have for us and the people we lead. May we be "galvanizers" with clear vision and purpose.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Spend time reflecting on your vision as a leader. How can you communicate this vision to those you lead, inspiring them to align with God's purpose?

# Day 2: Dawgs of Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

**Reflection:** Faith is the driving force that propels us to pursue God's will relentlessly. As leaders, we need faith to step out boldly and overcome challenges.

**Prayer:** Lord, strengthen our faith to step out boldly and pursue the goals You've set before us. Make us relentless "dawgz" in our pursuit of Your will, overcoming challenges with unwavering faith.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a challenging situation you're currently facing. How can you apply unwavering faith and determination to overcome it?

# Day 3: Humility in Leadership

Scripture: Exodus 3:11

**Reflection:** True leadership begins with humility, acknowledging our limitations and relying on God's strength. Moses' humility was the foundation of his leadership journey.

**Prayer:** Father, instill in us the humility of Moses. May we recognize our limitations and lean on Your strength, acknowledging that true leadership begins with humility.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a recent leadership decision. How can you incorporate humility into your leadership style and decisions moving forward?

# Day 4: Courageous Leadership

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32

**Reflection:** David's courage in facing Goliath is a prime example of the fearlessness required of leaders. True leadership involves facing challenges head-on with unwavering trust in God's guidance.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant us the courage of David to face challenges fearlessly. May we be unafraid, trusting in Your guidance and strength to conquer any giant in our path.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Think about a current challenge you're facing in your leadership role. How can you tap into God's strength and face this challenge with boldness and faith?

# Day 5: Servant Leadership

Scripture: Matthew 20:28

**Reflection:** Jesus epitomized servant leadership, emphasizing that true leadership involves selflessness and a heart to serve others. As leaders, we are called to follow His example.

**Prayer:** Jesus, teach us to lead with a servant's heart. Help us understand that true leadership is found in selfless service to others, just as You demonstrated on earth.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider an opportunity to serve someone within or outside your organization. How can you lead by serving and showing Christ's love?

# Day 6: Loyalty and Commitment

Scripture: Ruth 1:16

**Reflection:** Ruth's unwavering loyalty and commitment to her family exemplify qualities of a "dawg" in staying devoted. Loyalty is a cornerstone of effective leadership.

**Prayer:** Lord, instill in us the loyalty and commitment of Ruth. May we remain steadfast in our dedication to those we lead, and may our loyalty be an example of love and dedication. -

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a time when your loyalty was tested. How did you respond, and how can you grow in loyalty as a leader?

# Day 7: Proactive Leadership

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:18

**Reflection:** Nehemiah's proactive approach to leadership demonstrates the importance of taking tangible steps to fulfill a vision. Leaders need to be proactive to inspire change and progress.

**Prayer:** Father, guide us to take proactive steps in our leadership, just as Nehemiah did. May we be "galvanizers" who take action to fulfill the vision You've placed in our hearts.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider a project or initiative you've been planning. What proactive steps can you take to move it forward and turn the vision into reality?

# Day 8: Facing Adversity

Scripture: Esther 4:16

**Reflection:** Esther's courage and conviction in the face of adversity showcase the qualities of a "dawg" when confronting challenging circumstances. Leaders should embrace challenges with courage and faith.

**Prayer:** Lord, when faced with challenges, grant us the courage and resilience of Esther. Help us face adversity head-on and stand for what is right, even when it's difficult.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Think about a recent adversity you faced. How did your faith and courage influence your response, and how can you grow from that experience?

# Day 9: Transformation in Leadership

Scripture: Galatians 2:20

**Reflection:** Paul's transformation emphasizes how encountering Christ can reshape a leader, aligning them with the true essence of leadership. Transformation is an ongoing process for leaders.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, transform us into the leaders You want us to be, just as You transformed Paul. May we embrace change and grow in Christ-like leadership, becoming true "galvanizers."

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider how your faith has transformed your leadership style and decisions. How can you further align with Christ's teachings in your role as a leader?

# Day 10: Reflecting the Light

Scripture: Matthew 5:16

**Reflection:** Embracing the call to be a leader who illuminates the path for others, acting as both a "galvanizer" and a "dawg," is key to inspiring and guiding those around us toward God.

**Prayer:** Father, enable us to reflect Your light in our leadership. Help us embody both the qualities of a "galvanizer" and a "dawg" to inspire and guide others toward You. May our leadership glorify Your name.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on how you have inspired or influenced someone positively through your leadership. How can you continue to shine God's light through your actions and influence?

# Day 11: Wisdom in Leadership

Scripture: Proverbs 2:6

**Reflection:** Seeking wisdom is essential for effective leadership. Solomon's request for wisdom is a model for leaders to seek God's guidance in their decisions.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, grant us wisdom and discernment in our leadership decisions. May we distinguish between right and wrong, seeking Your guidance in all we do.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider a recent decision that required wisdom. How did seeking God's guidance influence the outcome, and what can you learn from that experience?

# Day 12: Encouragement and Support

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Reflection:** Barnabas exemplified the role of an encourager. Leaders should lift others up and provide support, fostering a positive and motivated environment.

**Prayer:** Lord, make us encouragers like Barnabas. Help us uplift and support those around us, spreading positivity and motivation wherever we go.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Think of someone in your circle who may need encouragement. How can you provide support and uplift them today?

# Day 13: Strength and Dedication

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13

**Reflection:** Timothy's strength and dedication are qualities all leaders should strive for. Leaders must be firm in their beliefs and dedicated to their mission.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant us the strength and dedication of Timothy. May we stand firm in our beliefs and be dedicated to the mission You've set before us.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a time you had to stand firm in your beliefs. How did your dedication influence the situation, and how can you further develop this strength in your leadership?

# Day 14: Patience in Leadership

Scripture: James 5:7

**Reflection:** Patience is crucial in leadership. Ruth's patience during her journey exemplifies the importance of waiting on God's timing and trusting in His plan.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant us the patience of Ruth. May we trust Your timing and have the patience to wait for Your plans to unfold.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider a situation where you need patience right now. How can you exercise patience and trust in God's timing as a leader?

# Day 15: Readiness to Serve

Scripture: Galatians 5:13

**Reflection:** Serving others is a fundamental aspect of leadership. Jesus exemplified a servant's heart, and leaders should follow His example in their actions.

**Prayer:** Jesus, teach us to lead with a heart of service. Help us serve others willingly and joyfully, just as You served during Your time on earth.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider how you can serve someone in your community or organization today. How can you embody a servant's heart in your leadership role?

# Day 16: Devotion and Commitment

Scripture: Romans 12:11

**Reflection:** Anna's devotion in the temple is a model for leaders to be dedicated and passionate in their service. A devoted heart can inspire others and fuel growth.

**Prayer:** Lord, instill in us the devotion of Anna. May we be passionate and dedicated in our service, inspiring others to give their all for Your glory.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on what you're most devoted to in your leadership role. How does this devotion impact your actions and influence others?

# Day 17: Integrity in Leadership

Scripture: Proverbs 11:3

**Reflection:** Integrity is the cornerstone of trustworthy leadership. Leaders should strive to be upright, transparent, and honest in all their dealings.

**Prayer:** Lord, help us maintain integrity and honesty in our leadership. May our actions and decisions be guided by righteousness and truth.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider a recent decision where integrity was important. How did your commitment to integrity affect the outcome, and how can you uphold it in future decisions?

# Day 18: Peace and Resolution

Scripture: Romans 14:19

**Reflection:** Abigail's ability to bring peace and resolution in a difficult situation is a valuable trait for leaders. Leaders should seek peace and unity among their teams.

**Prayer:** Lord, grant us the ability to bring peace and resolution like Abigail. Help us resolve conflicts and differences with wisdom and grace.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a recent conflict you encountered. How can you strive for peace and resolution in a manner that honors God in your leadership?

# Day 19: Boldness in Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 10:35

**Reflection:** Boldness in faith is essential for effective leadership. John the Baptist's bold proclamation of the Gospel serves as a model for leaders to fearlessly share their faith.

**Prayer:** Lord, strengthen our faith and grant us the boldness to proclaim Your truth. May we be unafraid to share our faith and stand firm in our beliefs.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a time when you shared your faith boldly. How did this act of boldness impact others, and how can you continue to share your faith in your leadership role?

# Day 20: Generosity and Kindness

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32

**Reflection:** Generosity and kindness are key attributes of a compassionate leader. Leaders should extend love and kindness, being a beacon of hope and positivity.

**Prayer:** Lord, make us generous givers and kind-hearted leaders. Help us extend love and compassion to those we lead and encounter in our leadership journey.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Consider a way you can show kindness to someone today. How can your kindness positively impact the dynamics of your team or community?

# Day 21: Discernment in Leadership

Scripture: James 1:5

**Reflection:** Discernment is a vital trait for effective leadership. Seeking God's wisdom and discernment enables leaders to make wise decisions that align with His will.

**Prayer:** Father, grant us discernment and wisdom in our leadership decisions. May we distinguish between right and wrong, seeking Your guidance in every choice we make.

**Personal Reflection/Application:** Reflect on a recent decision where discernment played a significant role. How can you cultivate discernment as a leader to make wiser choices in the future?

# Congratulations!

You've made the transformative journey through the "Leaders and Dawgz Devotional." As we conclude our exploration of biblical leaders and their exemplary qualities, we trust that you have gained fresh insights and inspiration for your own leadership journey. Each day, we have delved into the lives of remarkable individuals, finding wisdom, courage, humility, and faith – essential qualities for any leader. Our aim has been to provide you with a guide to becoming a "galvanizer" – a visionary leader with purpose – and a "dawg" – a go-getter with unshakable determination.

Leadership is not confined to titles or positions; it is a call to influence and impact. Whether you're a CEO, a parent, a teacher, or a friend, your actions and character matter. God has placed you where you are for a purpose, and your influence can shape lives, communities, and futures. May the lessons from Moses, David, Ruth, Esther, and many others echo in your heart and guide your steps. May your leadership be a beacon of hope, a source of encouragement, and a testimony of God's love and grace.

Remember, leadership is not about being perfect but about leading with a heart that seeks God's wisdom and aligns with His will. Embrace the journey of growth and transformation, for God is with you every step of the way. May your leadership reflect the light of Christ, illuminating the path for others and glorifying our Heavenly Father. May you continue to lead with purpose, passion, and unwavering faith. Blessings on your continued leadership journey,