

HOW TO BECOME A STRATEGIC LEADER

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Luke 14:28-31

A strategic leader is someone who moves with a purpose. Everything they do is for a reason. They do not lead from a place of passion, trendiness or inspiration. They lead from a place of **REASONING**.

People who are strategic leaders are very accomplished. Strategic leaders believe in making a plan before moving in action. They believe in making a blueprint before building a future. They believe in writing a vision before manifesting the vision.

In order to become a strategic leader you must master the skill of **ANTICIPATION**. Every great strategic leader has learned to anticipate the inevitable, unpredictable and the un-foreseeable. This is what makes them a strategic leader, anticipating what others fail to realize.

Luke 14:28-31 says, "If you want to build a tower, you first sit down and decide how much it will cost, to see if you have enough money to finish the job. If you don't, you might lay the foundation, but you would not be able to finish.

Then all who would see it would make fun of you, saying, "This person began to build but was not able to finish. "If a king is going to fight another king, first he will sit down and plan. He will decide if he and his ten thousand soldiers can defeat the other king who has twenty thousand soldiers."

ANTICIPATE

King Jesus is a strategic leader. In the above scripture Jesus said the way to become an **ACCOMPLISHED** person is to become a strategic leader. A strategic leader **PRIORITIZES** how they are going to **FINISH** what they are started.

They are not concerned about how things started. They plan for problems to occur during their course of action.

However, the mindset of a strategic leader is focused on **HOW TO FINISH**. Unlike an emotional leader or an instinctive leader, strategic leaders make plans to **FINISH**.

When problems, obstacles, and issues occur strategic leaders do not easily get discouraged when this happens because they expect it. As long as they can **FINISH** the task at hand they will be fine.

Every leader is not a finisher. However, when it comes to being strategic that is not the case. Strategic leaders **PLAN** for losses, setbacks and delays so they can make sure they will finish what they started.

Becoming a strategic leader requires one thing, having a passion to **FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED**. Strategic leaders take time to plan because the destination is **MORE IMPORTANT** than the journey.

You cannot become a strategic leader if you are not a long term thinker. Our God is a long term thinker.

Philippians 1:6 says, "God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again." The Lord knew that the work He started with us would take time.

He anticipated the sins we would commit. He made plans to accommodate our ignorance. He chartered the course to cover our mistakes. His ability to think long term is why His work with us will be finished before Jesus comes back.

STRATEGIC LEADERS ARE LONG TERM PLANNERS!

THREE THINGS STRATEGIC LEADERS DO

- 1.They play **CHESS** not checkers. Every move makes sense but it is not predictable.
2. They write the end of the book before the beginning. The plan is focused on how to **FINISH** not how to start.

3.They plan for **POTENTIAL PROBLEMS** so they can overcome them. In other words, they plan for the worst and expect the best.

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