

Forged: Refined by Fire

July 8, 2018 | The Importance of Godly Leadership

Genesis 41:41-57

Leadership is developed and not discovered.

- God has to change his leaders, before He can use them as agents of change in the world.

Godly leaders require character formation.

Godly leaders prepare for the future.

*Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. **Vs. 48***

Godly leadership begins at home.

*Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering." **Vs. 50-52***

Godly leaders are courageous.

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9***

Godly leaders acknowledge God's plans are greater than their own.

*Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. **Ephesians 3:20-21***

Godly leaders lead like Jesus.

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. **Philippians 2:6-7***