

The Transforming Disciple

Why Solitude, Transparency, and
Love are the Games Changers

The failure of leaders to deal with their own souls, their inner life, is deeply troubling not only for themselves but for other persons in the misery they cause.

The destructive consequences from leaders who fail to work out of a deep sense of their inner self are staggering.

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Leaders have a particular responsibility
To know what is going on inside their
souls. For leaders, this means taking the
journey in and down. As they become
fully awake, they come to know and
understand what it is within that betrays
them and those they strive to serve.

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◉ Beginning Stage

- “Follow me
and I will make you
a fisher of men.”

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○ Middle Stage

- “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat;
- but I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail.
- And after you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

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○ Final Stage

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- “When you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

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- “But Jesus often withdrew to a solitary place to pray.”
- “Very early in the morning, Jesus went to a solitary place to pray.”
- “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...”
- “When you pray, go into your closet, and pray to your Father in secret.”
- “Be still and know that I am God.”

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- Motive #3. The need to control.
(Working to manipulate my environment)

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- ◉ Emotions
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- ◉ Shadow-side

Praying for Self-understanding

- “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” (Ps. 139:23-24)