

## **The Need for Godly Leadership**

### **Joshua 1:1-5**

#### **Introduction:**

- A. Most all of us who are older understand the importance of leadership.
- B. Successful organizations do not function well without an organized structure of leadership.
- C. Why would the church be any different? If we want to be successful we must have godly leaders.

#### **God Called Joshua to Rise Up and Lead (Jos. 1:1-2).**

- A. Throughout the pages of scripture, we see God raising up leaders in service to Him (Joseph, Moses, Judges, Kings, Apostles, etc.).
- B. God raised up Joshua to take over the leadership of His people (Num. 27:15-23). Moses had been training and investing in Joshua for several years (Num. 11:28).
- C. God is looking for godly people to rise up and lead in the church (Eph. 4:11-14; I Cor. 12:18-20).

#### **Godly Leaders are Needed for the Work to Carry On (Jos. 1:2-5).**

- A. Like all great leaders, Moses eventually died. He was a special servant of the Lord (Deut. 34:10-12).
- B. God does not want His people living in the past. God wants His people pressing forward.
- C. Without godly leadership, the work will be hindered (Prov. 11:14).

#### **Godly Leaders are Needed because Without Leaders People are Vulnerable (Judg. 2:6-10).**

- A. Things remained good throughout the days of Joshua and the elders who outlived him (Judg. 2:6-8).
- B. Another generation arose who did not know the Lord (Judg. 2:10). They began to serve false gods and abandoned the Lord God (Judg. 2:11-12).
- C. If the qualified do not lead, the unqualified will lead.

#### **Conclusion:**

- A. The church today is in need of godly leaders to step up to the plate and lead.
- B. Some people think they are not cut out to be a leader. If you have the right heart, God can use you.
- C. Where is God calling you to serve? What area of leadership do you need to be willing to accept?