

QUALITIES OF A SUCCESSFUL YOUTH LEADER

Introduction:

Success is knowing God's will and faithfully doing it. It is God's will that a youth leader or pastor be filled with the Holy Spirit, have an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, pray, be holy in behavior, have a fervency to reach people with the Gospel, rule well his own household, preach the Word, and obey God's commandments. With these basic requirements, successful youth workers will possess the following characteristics:

1. They have a burning desire to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They seize every opportunity afforded them to preach, pass out tracts, witness, disciple new converts, and support missionaries and other Christian workers. They have gotten on the "Gospel Trail" and believe it's always too soon to quit.
 2. They have an unconditional friendliness. They are "people persons" without prejudice. They have an open friendliness in approach, voice, stance and gestures. They go out of their way to be friendly. This attitude creates opportunities for them.
 3. They have servant's attitudes. They have hearts of love for people and will do almost anything for anyone at any time, sometimes to the point of people taking advantage of them, but they let God balance those things out. They would rather give money than lend it, and always have a bed or a meal for someone who needs it.
 4. They are goal setters. They write down their daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly goals. They number them in order of importance and then pray, asking God what He wants them to do, knowing that God will not load them down to the point of exhaustion or hurting their relationship with Him or their families. They are flexible under the leadership of the Holy Spirit so that God can work out His own plan and goals in their lives.
 5. They always have positive attitudes of faith. Their approach is to praise the Lord and let Him run the show. Even when things go wrong, they give thanks in every situation, knowing that God is in control and working all things together for His good.
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6. They have enthusiastic attitudes. Anything they do, they do wholeheartedly. Enthusiasm is based on good planning and flexibility, when the best-laid plans go awry. Enthusiasm can be genuine only when one knows what he is doing and how he is going to get it done. Uncertainty is the death of enthusiasm. Teens get enthusiastic when their leader is excited about the activity, project, or event. These youth leaders want to do everything for the glory of God, and they give one hundred percent to even the mundane things in their lives.
7. They recognize and are willing to work with, and through, the local church in which God has placed them, seeking guidance and counsel from their pastor. They understand that God provides for, protects, and gives His promises to His institution—the church. Through their lives and teaching, they help young people submit to the leadership and counsel of the pastor God has given to them.

Conclusion:

These seven qualities are developed through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and a willingness to obey His will. If these qualities are cultivated continuously, you cannot help but be successful in youth work.
