

J. Oswald Sanders

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The frontiers of the kingdom of God were never advanced by men and women of caution.

~J. Oswald Sanders

True leadership is found in giving yourself in service to others, not in coaxing or inducing others to serve you.

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When God lays a burden on our hearts and thus keeps us praying, He obviously intends to grant the answer.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Jesus drank a cup of wrath without mercy, that we might drink a cup of mercy without wrath.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Once the joy of intimacy with God has been experienced, life becomes unbearable without it.

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Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen.

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There is no conceivable situation in which it is not safe to trust God.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Most men are notable for one conspicuous virtue or grace - Moses for meekness, Job for patience, John for love. But, in Jesus you find everything.

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A great deal more failure is the result of an excess of caution than of bold experimentation with new ideas. The frontiers of the Kingdom of

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Eyes that look are common; eyes that see are rare.

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Before we can conquer the world, we must first conquer the self.

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If a man is known by the company he keeps, so also his character is reflected in the books he reads.

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True greatness, true leadership, is achieved not by reducing men to one's service but in giving oneself in selfless service to them.

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Ambition that centers on the glory of God and welfare of the church is a mighty force for good.

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We can lead others only as far along the road as we ourselves have traveled. merely pointing the way is not enough. If we are not walking, then no one can be following, and ware not leading anyone.

~J. Oswald Sanders

One reason why people are unable to understand great Christian classics is that they are trying to understand without any intention of obeying them.

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The spiritual leader will choose the hidden path of sacrificial service and approval of the Lord over the flamboyant self-advertising of the world.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Sacrifice is the ecstasy of giving the best we have to the One we love most.

~J. Oswald Sanders

God prepares leaders with a specific place and task in mind. Training methods are adapted to the mission, and natural and spiritual gifts are given with clear purpose.

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Faith never knows where it is being led, or it would not be faith. True faith is content to travel under sealed orders.

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The person who sees the difficulties so clearly that he does not discern the possibilities cannot inspire a vision in others.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Fatigue is the price of leadership. Mediocrity is the price of never getting tired.

~J. Oswald Sanders

The secular mind and heart, however gifted and personally charming, has no place in the leadership of the church.

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Desiring to excel is not a sin. It is motivation that determines ambition's character. Our Lord never taught against the urge to high achievement, but He did expose and condemn unworthy motivation.

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Time lost can never be retrieved. Time cannot be hoarded, only spent well.

~J. Oswald Sanders

True leaders must be willing to suffer for the sake of objectives great enough to demand their wholehearted obedience.

~J. Oswald Sanders

God is always at work, though we cannot see it, preparing people he has chosen for leadership. When the crisis comes, God fits His appointee into the place ordained for him.

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If we are meticulously careful with the use of the days, the years will take care of themselves.

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A visionary may see, but a leader must decide.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Jesus was the meeting place of eternity and time, the blending of deity and humanity, the junction of heaven and earth.

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Are you responsibly optimistic? Pessimism and leadership do not mix. Leaders are positively visionary.

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The spiritual leader should outpace the rest of the church, above all, in prayer.

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Spiritual leadership is the power to change the atmosphere by one's presence, the unconscious influence that makes Christ and spiritual things real to others.

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If you would rather pick a fight than solve a problem, do not consider

leading the church

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The kings of terrors, the last enemy, will never be able to breach the pearly gates and disturb the bliss of heaven! No more deathbed vigils or funerals. The hearse will have made its last journey.

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We are not responsible for our endowments or natural abilities, but we are responsible for the strategic use of time.

~J. Oswald Sanders

Will the leader reflect the ugliness of egotism or the transfigured glory of Christ the Lord?

~J. Oswald Sanders

Our problem is not too little time, but making better use of the time we have. Each of us has as much time as anyone else.

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Our consciences are not infallible, and they can become warped or weakened if not kept aligned by the infallible Word of God.

~J. Oswald Sanders

To be a leader in the Church has always required strength and faith beyond the merely human.

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An exhausted man easily falls prey to the adversary.

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Our sense of humor is a gift from God which should be controlled as well as cultivated.

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Often the crowd does not recognize a leader until he has gone, and then they build a monument for him with the stones they threw at him in life.

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People of vision gauge decisions on the future; the story of the past cannot be rewritten.

~J. Oswald Sanders

If those who hold influence over others fail to lead toward the spiritual uplands, then surely the path to the lowlands will be well worn.

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Leadership is the ability to recognize the special abilities and limitations of others, combined with the capacity to fit each one into the job where he will do his best.

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Each of us is as full of the Spirit as we really want to be.

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