

Six Marks of Lay Leadership

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Chapter Two of Swindol's *Hand Me Another Brick*, (his commentary of Nehemiah) is entitled "A Leader---From The Knees Up."

In J. Oswald Sander's *Spiritual Leadership*, he writes: "Since leadership is the ability to move and influence people, the spiritual leader will be alert to discover the most effective way of doing this" (page 82).

Here are Six Marks of Leadership in Nehemiah:

1. *He Shows Concern for God's Work (Nehemiah 1:1-4)*
2. *He Prays for God's People (Nehemiah 1:5-11)*
3. *He Follows his Leader (Nehemiah 1:11-2:8)*
4. *He Motivates his Followers (Nehemiah 2:9-20)*
5. *He Organizes his Work (Nehemiah 3:1-32)*
6. *He Handles his Opposition (Nehemiah 4-6)*

The Second Mark of Leadership: The Leader Prays for God's People

A. Praising God For Who He Is (1:5)

1. Praise for His Greatness
2. Praise for His Awesomeness (Nehemiah 4:14; 9:32; Daniel 9:4)

B. Confessing Our Sins (1:6-7)

1. Identification of Sin in 1:6 "we have sinned against you"
2. Definition of sin in 1:7

C. Claiming God's Promises (1:8-10)

1. Nehemiah quoted Dt 28:63-67 and 30:1-5 in Neh 1:8-9
2. Nehemiah tells us who can claim God's promises in Neh 1:10

D. Surrendering to be the Answer (1:11)

1. Prayer moved the heart of God to move the king (Proverbs 21:1)
2. We surrender to be the person God uses to move the king (1:11)