

RIDE PROSPEROUSLY

Truth, Humility & Righteousness

THE WARHORSE OF LEADERSHIP

“And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.” — Psalm 45:4, NKJV

Opening: The Formula One Pit Stop

“The car that refuses to pit loses the race. Every time.”

Who is your pit crew?

Who are you a pit crew to?

1. The theme of your life should be to love God by _____, trusting, and obeying Him.

1 | TRUTH IN LEADERSHIP

The Courage to Define Reality

2. Leadership begins with _____. You cannot faithfully lead people through a reality you are unwilling to face.

“The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality.” — Max De Pree

3. TRUTH IS WHAT AGREES WITH _____.

LEADERS ALWAYS ASK: “Is what I am saying, doing, promising, and presenting aligned with reality?”

4. Leaders don’t merely owe people accurate words. We owe them an _____ of reality.

TRUTH AUDIT

The truth about ME that I may be avoiding is...

The truth about MY TEAM that we aren’t discussing is...

The truth about OUR DEPARTMENT that the data may already be telling us is...

2 | THE PILLAR OF HUMILITY

The Most Powerful Word in Leadership Is Still “I Was Wrong”

5. Great leaders don’t merely possess the courage to tell truth. They possess the humility to _____.

6. Humility is not weakness. Humility is strength that has stopped needing to _____.

“Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.” — Numbers 12:3

The supreme theology of leadership humility is Jesus. John 13 gives us one of history's most extraordinary leadership images.

7. precedes humility. _____

Jesus doesn't serve because He has forgotten His authority. He serves because He is completely secure in it.

8. Insecure leaders need everyone to know they're the leader. Secure leaders are free to _____ .

HUMILITY AUDIT

Where am I hardest to correct?

When was the last time I told my team, "I was wrong"?

Who can disagree with me without paying a relational price?

Where am I occupying space someone else should be filling?

3 | THE PILLAR OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Justice Is Not a Department. It Is a Culture.

9. Righteous leadership is the disciplined practice of giving God, people, and the mission what is _____ .

Biblical righteousness is larger than private morality. It asks: "Are things being made right around you?"

"What does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" — Micah 6:8

TSEDEK — righteousness, justice, rightness. It means bringing our leadership into alignment with what is right—and then doing what is right.

10. Righteousness is the _____. Justice is the administration of the standard.

"Righteousness asks, 'What is right?' Justice asks, 'What am I going to do about it?'"

11. Authority never eliminates obligation. Authority _____ it.

"To whom much is given, from him much will be required." — Luke 12:48

Leadership isn't merely privilege. Leadership is obligation.

THE GREAT QUESTION OF RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP

"WHAT IS OWED?"

THREE FAILURES OF RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP

RECOGNITION FAILURE

We fail to honor contribution.

DEVELOPMENT FAILURE

We use people's gifts without developing the person.

VOICE FAILURE

We give people responsibility without meaningful voice.

12. The great question of righteous leadership: What is _____?

RIGHTEOUSNESS AUDIT

Who in my organization isn't receiving what they are legitimately owed? (Recognition? Development? Compensation? Authority? A difficult conversation? An apology?)

Where am I tolerating something because addressing it would cost me relationally?

Do insiders and outsiders operate under the same standards?

Have I given anyone responsibility without sufficient authority?

What do I already know is right—but have not yet had the courage to do?

RIDE PROSPEROUSLY: MY NEXT MILE

TRUTH

What reality will I face?

HUMILITY

What truth will I receive?

RIGHTEOUSNESS

What right action will I take?

FILL-IN ANSWER KEY

1. knowing 2. reality 3. reality 4. honest picture 5. receive truth 6. prove itself 7. Identity 8. serve 9. rightly owed 10. standard 11. increases 12. owed