

# THE DIVINE TAPESTRY

## Part 45

### “So You Want to Lead?”

Ezra 7:10

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Oswald Sanders says:

*“Real leaders are in short supply. Constantly people and groups search for them. A question echoes in every corner of the church – ‘Who will lead?’ Throughout the Bible, God searches for leaders too.*

*‘The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people’ (1 Samuel 13:14).*

*‘Go up and down the streets of Jerusalem, look around and consider, search through her squares. If you can find one person who deals honestly and seeks truth, I will forgive this city’ (Jeremiah 5:1).*

*‘I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall’ (Ezekiel 22:30).*

*The Bible shows us that when God does find a person who is ready to lead, to commit to full discipleship, and take on responsibility for others, that person is used to the limit. Such leaders still have shortcomings and flaws, but despite those limitations, they serve God as spiritual leaders.”\**

Are you looking for leadership? Is your home looking for leadership? How about your children, friends or co-workers? What is the source of God ordained leadership? Good question... let's look at God's answer.

\*Excerpt from *Spiritual Leadership*, copyright 2007, chap. 2, para. 1 by J. Oswald Sanders.

# EZRA ARRIVES

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- Ezra had:

- Perfect **timing**.
- A good **name**.
- A great **lineage**.
- Well known **scribal skills**.
- **Boldness**.

But... it was his “**devotion**” that gave him success.

## DEVOTED TO WHAT?

- Ezra was **dedicated** to studying Scripture.
  - Seek = Careful search for **answers**.

- Ezra was passionate about **personal** holiness.
  - Practice = **2629**... to **do**.
  - Accountability comes from **within**.
- Ezra was **eager** to see others walk with God. The Old Testament has **12** words for **teach** – Ezra “**goaded**.”

## **NOTE: EZRA WROTE THIS!**

- Finish this sentence: \_\_\_\_\_ is dedicated to  
 (Your Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

What would your family think of this statement? What would you think of it?

- What do you **need** in order to be **accountable** to the Word?
- What do you “**goad**” others to do?