

**Servant Leadership**  
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**7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

John 17:1-26

*"I have brought You glory on earth by completing the work You gave me to do." John 17:4*

**1. HE HELPED THEM GET TO KNOW GOD**

*"I showed what You are like to those You gave Me from the world. They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me." John 17:6, 26, 3*

**2. HE TAUGHT THEM GOD'S WORD**

*"I have passed on to them the words You gave Me..." John 17:8, 14*

**3. HE PRAYED FOR THEM**

*"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they are Yours." John 17:9*

- **TO LIVE FOR CHRIST JOYFULLY**

*"I pray these things while I'm still in the world so that they will have the same joy that I have." John 17:13*

- **TO GROW STRONG SPIRITUALLY**

*"I'm not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one." John 17:15*

- **TO SERVE CHRIST EFFECTIVELY**

*"Make them ready for Your service through your truth; Your teaching is truth" John 17:17*

- **TO EXPERIENCE FELLOWSHIP PERSONALLY**

*"My prayer is that they will be of one heart and mind, just as You and I are one, Father... and the world will believe You sent Me." John 17:21*

- **TO BRING OTHERS TO CHRIST REGULARLY**

*"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me because of their message." John 17:20*

**4. HE BUILT HIS CHARACTER INTO THEM**

*"I have given them the glory that You gave Me..." John 17:22, 10*

**5. HE GUARDED THEIR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

*"While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name... I protected them, and not one of them was lost except (Judas) so the Scriptures would be true." John 17:12, 1*  
Peter 5:2-3

**6. HE RELEASED THEM TO SERVE GOD'S PURPOSES**

*"As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world." John 17:18*

**7. HE MODELED COMMITMENT**

*"For their sake I dedicate Myself completely to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to You." John 17:19, 11*