



LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM NOAH'S ARK

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We have all heard, read and studied the story of Noah and the ark. It is a favorite Bible story. But I wonder how many of us have looked at these grand old set of truths with the idea of leadership in mind? That's what we will do in this lesson: Study the numerous leadership lessons to be gained from Noah and the ark. In order to prepare for this study you should read Genesis 6-8.

Here are 25 major lessons from Noah and the building of the ark:

1. God can always do great things out of the midst of chaos (Genesis 6:1-7, 1-13).
2. God always has a mission for a righteous man (Genesis 6:9, 13).
3. No other person may have been asked to do what God wants you to do (Genesis 6:14, "Build me an ark").
4. God will be with you as you do His will (Genesis 6:18, 22).
5. Do things in pairs—there's strength in numbers (Genesis 6:19-21).
6. The ark was built by an amateur, not a professional.
7. Use what you have—"gofer wood"—not steel, pre-fabrication, etc.
8. Take care of your health because God may have a mission for you in old age (Genesis 7:11, Noah was 600).
9. Finish what you start (Genesis 6:22).
10. Before you rock the boat, remember others are on it with you (Team building).
11. Don't be afraid to launch an untested boat, in untried waters. Walk by faith!
12. Do not worry about what others think about your "strange project."
13. You can build "your ark" right where you are.
14. Don't neglect your family—share your ark with them.

15. Ride out the storm—it won't last forever—the sky will clear—sail on.
16. Put on your raincoat even though you've never experienced rain—be ready.
17. Don't fret about not having any "boat building experience."
18. Speed isn't important—great things take time, be patient. (Noah was).
19. God is smarter than you are—obey, even if you don't fully understand.
20. Look for the dove—the signs that you have finished the assignment.
21. No matter how severe the storm (or challenge), God will always provide a rainbow.
22. Celebrate after the "cruise" (job) is finished (Genesis 8:20-22)—worship God.
23. Believe in what you don't understand, or haven't experienced.
24. God doesn't sponsor failures—trust Him.
25. Be careful not to drop your guard after success (Genesis 9:18-29).

God has an ark for all of us to build as we lead his church to accomplishing the assignments he has given us. Learn from Noah.

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