

BRICK BY BRICK

Part 2: Build Your Moral Authority

INTRODUCTION

Part 2 of this new series unpacks the second brick of building foundational leadership – moral authority. Moral authority is the credibility and influence you earn when your actions match your words.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Describe a time when you had to follow a leader for whom you had no respect.
2. What does it mean to have moral authority? Is moral authority a requirement for leadership?
3. Identify an area of your life where your words do not reflect your actions. What steps can you take to align your words with your actions?
4. Think about your character. Character is willingness to do what is right regardless of the cost. Is there an apology you know you need to give? Is there a secret you need to confess? Is there something love requires you to do, but you are refusing to do it? If so, what can you do this week to take a step and build your character?
5. Sacrifice means to give up what you have for the sake of something bigger than you. Is there something you are unwilling to sacrifice that's keeping you from having moral authority?

THIS WEEK

Spend some time talking to God about ways you can continue to grow in moral authority. What are some of the small, consistent deposits of character and sacrifice you can make in:

- Your relationships with people (spouse, kids, friends, colleagues)?
- Your workplace/place you volunteer or serve?
- Your relationship with God?

“But a nation will be **strong** and **endure**
when it has intelligent, sensible **leaders.**”

Proverbs 28:2