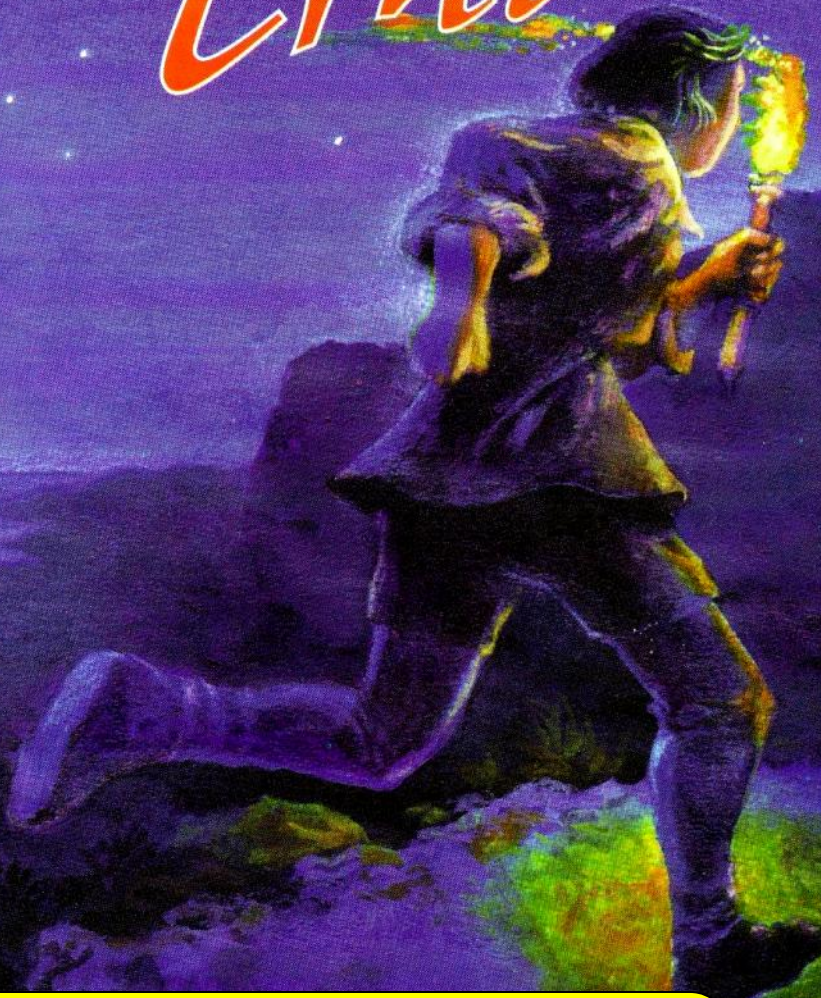


Leadership Traits



**Personal Achievement
Sample**
for Young Men 16-17 years old

Leadership Traits

*A Young Man's
Guide to Serving Christ*

Third Star



Introduction to Third Star

“He who began a good work in you will carry it out to completion until the day of Jesus Christ” Philippians 1:6.

You're on your way to mature Christian leadership!

God has promised to complete his good work in you—that's the process of shaping you into being like his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your involvement in Battalion achievement is moving you closer to this goal. It would be easy to slow down or halt your achievement progress, since you probably have loads of other things to do. But, just like God, who's continuing his work in you, you need to keep plugging away on the design he has for your life. The runner keeps going even when he “hits the wall.” It's all about self-discipline.

In other words, don't stop now! The best is yet to come.

In Third Star, the challenge of deeper involvement in the Word of God promises success. Your responsibility of coordinating Battalion activities will push you to the limit. You'll need to stay focused.

Take some initiative! Initiative is the will and ability to be a self-starter. Then, begin each task with energy, enthusiasm and the determination to work hard. A leader also has the drive to complete a task because he wants to, not because he was pushed into it. That's when ideas turn into possibilities and eventually into realities.

Nehemiah is a Bible character who shows both initiative and drive. He's burdened because his native city lay in ruins and the people are without the protection of a secure city wall. He prays and devises a plan to restore Jerusalem's walls. He then completes the task himself.

The achievement activities of Third Star will enable you to fulfill your responsibilities as sergeant in the best possible way. Consider these “Action Steps” as a game plan for this year. As you work them, you'll quarterback your team toward the goal of Battalion—Christian leadership development.

If you've made it this far, you'll want to continue right on to Herald of Christ. So do each Action Step with eagerness and expectation.

Remember, the Lord wants to create a good work in you and complete it!



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Meditating on Scripture

**“Do not let this
Book of the Law
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it day and night, so
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Then you will be
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(Joshua 1:8)

ReAct

In your achievements, you’ve listened to the Word, read the Word, studied the Word and memorized parts of the Word. But have you meditated on it?

Why meditate? Because there’s an ongoing battle for control of your mind. Every day, many contradictory messages bombard you. God wants to place his principles within your heart to change your character into the likeness of Christ. When God wins, you win! Success is guaranteed.

What is meditation? Meditation goes beyond learning the words. It’s like taking a bite out of Scripture and chewing on it. Then, going back and chewing some more. Saying a phrase, a verse, a passage repeatedly helps the thought sink deep into your mind. It’s a discipline that takes time.

Often it’s helpful to personalize the passage. Put your name into it—make it apply to you. Now, phrase it as a prayer to the Lord. As you do, carefully examine each word: “For—God—so—loved—Bill...” Write out the words and dwell on them during the routine of the

day. Allow the Lord to make his thoughts your own. Think about the words as you fall asleep at night. Most of all, take God’s lessons and absorb them into your life each day.



ProAct

Try putting the principle of meditation into practice:

- Memorize *Psalm 1:1-6*. Then, meditate on it by quoting the passage several times. Write it out in your own words putting your name in it. Form it into your own prayer to the Lord. Discover the promises and blessings which apply to you. Here is a silly formula to help you remember this process: “Say it, ‘Jose’ it, pray it and obey it!”
- Memorize *James 1:22-25*. Meditate on this passage, too. Personalize it: “*Bill shouldn’t merely listen to the Word ...*” Then, your prayer: “Dear Lord, I don’t want to merely listen to your Word, for I’d be deceiving myself...” Allow the Holy Spirit to saturate your mind.
- Write a three-page summary of the Apostle Paul’s letter to Titus, a young Christian leader who needed encouragement in serving Christ. Look for character qualities a man must have to be a leader. What does he say about good works? Read it through every day for at least two weeks, taking notes, looking for key words, themes and application.
- Memorize *Titus 2:6-7*. Why is there just one quality that a young man needs?

InterAct

Recite these memorized passages with your mentor. Reveal what you both learned from your meditations. Show each other your personalized version.

Discuss this crucial point: How goes “the battle for control of your mind”? Note the messages and activities that tend to fill your mind—music, TV, sports, videos, movies, books, magazines, the Internet. Even if their effect isn’t always bad, how do they contrast with the impact of the Word of God?

Give your summary of Titus to your mentor to read. What did Paul say about leadership and the Truth—the Word of God? How has this book impacted your life? What kind of good works are evident in you?

Completed _____ Reviewed by _____



Being a Sergeant

ReAct

The key junior leader is the Battalion sergeant. You coordinate the other junior leaders. You do your best to make them successful. Communication and motivation are musts in being an effective coordinator. You are the liaison between adult leaders and the guys, and must work well with both groups. You're in charge, yet you must be a servant to the others. The only way to accomplish this is by adopting the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2 describes the attitude of such a servant leader. Verses 7 and 8 give the two keys to being a servant—humility and love. Try them on. They'll fit perfectly. As a sergeant, you don't just stand in front. Find ways to improve your program and take your best shot at achieving possible solutions. Be a "people person." Take time to know the guys and serve them. Help the others grow in Christ. You need to be the spark plug!

ProAct

These activities will help you become an effective sergeant.

- Memorize *Philippians 2:6-11*. Review verses 1-5. What is humility?
- Read the Sergeant's Checklist (Resources, p.27) and discuss your sergeant responsibilities with your mentor. Personalize your job description by writing what you actually do as a sergeant. Include some specific expectations and goals.
- Look at "Characteristics of Leadership" (Resources, p.11). Complete the chart for: drive, confidence, courage and dedication.

InterAct

Review *Philippians 2:1-5* and add verses 6-11 from memory with your mentor. Share your personalized job description. Discuss some goals you made for yourself and your Battalion as you fill the role of sergeant. Show him your completed "Characteristics of Leadership" chart. How well are the corporals doing? Pray for their needs along with your growth and responsibilities.

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Reading the Bible

ReAct

Getting into the habit of reading the Bible is a priority for every Christian leader. Since Jesus Christ is your Leader, it's essential to know him intimately. To assist you in that wonderful relationship, God has provided his Word to read and obey. Even the Old Testament points to him.

ProAct

- Commit to reading a chapter a day in God's Word from the following books. Plan to meet with your mentor each week to discuss the suggested question.

— <i>Ecclesiastes 1-6</i>	What makes life so meaningless for the author?
— <i>Ecclesiastes 7-12</i>	What basic principles for life are suggested?
— <i>Zechariah 1-7</i>	What is said about obedience?
— <i>Zechariah 7-14</i>	Why is the coming of the King so important?
— <i>Luke 1-6</i>	How is Jesus' identity established?
— <i>Luke 7-12</i>	Why do you think Jesus performs miracles?
— <i>Luke 13-18</i>	How is Jesus training his disciples?
— <i>Luke 19-24</i>	Why is there a crucifixion and a resurrection?
— <i>1 & 2 Peter</i>	What impact has Jesus had on Peter? Why?

- Memorize *Luke 2:52*. How is this balance accomplished in your life?

InterAct

Discuss the above questions after reading each section of Scripture. Your answers should lead to further discussion. Note any lessons you learned concerning leadership as you read God's Word. Record your answers and leadership lessons in your notebook.

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Coordinating an LTM

ReAct

Leadership Team Meetings (LTMs) are important because they help develop unity and growth in your ministry team. Your Battalion leadership team must spend time building relationships, planning the ministry and praying for the needs of the guys to whom you minister.

Your faithfulness as an active participant in all LTMs is the single most important ingredient in the success of your Battalion. As sergeant, you're the critical player in fostering a healthy exchange of ideas between the adult and teen leaders.

ProAct

Complete the following to impact your Battalion leadership team.

- Read "*Leadership Team Meeting*" (Resources, p. 37). Learn the five parts of an LTM plan and use them to coordinate a Leadership Team Meeting. Assign each member (adult and junior leaders) a responsibility for the Battalion meetings you're planning. You may follow an LTM outline in a Battalion Leader's Guide. Meet with your captain beforehand to ensure everything is lined up.
- Complete a personal project that will improve or strengthen your Battalion's ministry. Determine the needs and define an objective. Make a written proposal to your captain. Take the initiative and keep it moving forward. This project should require you to think, plan, solve problems and delegate as a leader. Challenge yourself! Do something that will have lasting value.
- Memorize *1 Corinthians 15:57-58*. What seems hopeless to you?

InterAct

Meet with your mentor and evaluate the LTM that you led. Discuss these questions: Were all five parts used and did each accomplish its purpose? What were the strong points of the meeting? Why? What aspects need work? What follow up is needed?

Quote the memory verses to each other. Talk about your project. Why did you choose to do it? What value should it have for the Battalion?

Completed _____ Reviewed by _____



Knowing God: In Christ

ReAct

Jesus asked Peter the question, “Who do you say I am?” (*Matthew 16:15*). In essence, that question is asked of every single person and it demands a response—a statement on whether you put your trust in Jesus Christ. Knowing God comes through a personal relationship with Christ. Is Jesus truly God’s son who came in the flesh? Is he your Lord and Savior?

ProAct

Look up the passage and answer the following questions:

1. *John 1:1-18*. In what ways is Jesus described as being fully God?

2. In a short essay on a separate sheet of paper, describe Jesus’ mission on earth (see the following verses: *1 John 3:8*; *1 Timothy 1:15, 16*; *John 3:14-21*; *Luke 19:10*; *John 5:17-30*; *Romans 5:6-11*).

3. *Hebrews 2:9-18*. How do these verses emphasize the humanity of Jesus? To whom is he compared? What accomplishments are mentioned?



4. How is Christ a living revelation of God the Father to you?

Memorize *Mark 12:30-31*. How much do you love the Lord?

InterAct

Discuss the comparison of Jesus to Adam in *Romans 5:12-21* and of Jesus to the Old Testament high priest in *Hebrews 7:18-28*. What does Christ mean to you? How have you proclaimed him as Lord and Sovereign of your life? Quote the memory verse to each other.

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