

## The Soul of a Leader

When we speak of the soul of the leader we are talking about something very different than leadership ability. There can be some who are capable of great leadership skill but their private lives may be very messed up. Certainly this was the case with King David of Israel and his son King Solomon. Both men had remarkable leadership skills. They knew how to develop infrastructure and rule a nation and yet, David was a horrible father and Solomon, for all his wisdom, was intemperate. How does a leader manage his soul that he might minimize the risks to those he leads? This seminar is about developing the soul to become more self-aware and empathetic.

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### I. Introduction

- A. John Kotter's eight stages of leadership
- B. Stephen Covey on competence and character
- C. When we talk of the Soul of a leader we are not speaking of his competence to lead but his character. So, how is the soul of a leader developed?

### II. The Soul of a Leader is corrupted through self-referentialism and utilitarianism. The soul of a leader is developed when one cultivates self-awareness and empathy.

- A. See Dante's *De Monarchia*

**B. Dante: “Function precedes Essence”**

1. God created light (day one) before he created the luminaries (day four).
2. “Does the king exist for the Kingdom or the kingdom for the King”?

**III. Restoring the Soul in a Fallen World (Two Images)**

**A. The image of a Scratched Phonograph**

**B. The Image of the Three Rooms**

**IV. Conclusion**