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Washington: Part 2: Leading Ourselves First

Creek Kids Leaders,

I mentioned earlier that I prefer biographies because they reveal leadership through real stories. Chernow's book shows that George Washington was not just leading an army. He was leading himself first. His self-discipline work shaped everything else.

Washington knew his own weaknesses. Chernow notes how Washington worked deliberately to restrain impulsive reactions, control his temper, and discipline his emotions. One striking example comes early





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in the war when disagreements in his inner circle threatened unity. Instead of reacting out of anger, Washington paused, gathered himself, and responded with measured clarity. His self-control kept small conflicts from becoming major fractures.

In Ministry:

Kids don't need perfect leaders. We can be an example of self-leadership to kids and parents. When we guard our attitudes and hearts, and choose wise responses, we do that.

In Our Personal Lives:

Leadership always starts with our own heart and character. Washington's example





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reminds us that the private battles matter most. Scripture calls us to guard what is happening inside us.

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” —
Proverbs 4:23

God uses leaders who are willing to be shaped by Him first.

Thank you for leading with a heart for God and kids.

Blessings,
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