

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

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A Good Leader?

- What makes a good leader? Is it someone who sets worthy objectives, develops effective strategies, and implements those plans efficiently and with a degree of excellence?
- Although these technical skills are important, the most important quality of a Christian leader is that we lead by example.

Scriptural Admonition

- I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (Jn. 13:15, Jesus)
- Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1, Paul)
- because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. (1 Thess. 1:5)

The scripture exhorts leaders to be an example in:

- Humility – how to treat people with the heart of a servant. (Jn. 13:15; Phil. 2:5-8)
- Perseverance – how to endure suffering or adverse circumstances without losing joy (1 Peter 2:21; Heb. 12:1-4)

LET'S LIVE LIVES AND PROVIDE
LEADERSHIP THAT'S WORTH
IMITATING!

1 Timothy 4:12

- ¹² Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

Areas of Exemplary Lives & Leadership

- Speech – the way we communicate
- Manner of life (conduct)– the way we live/conduct ourselves
- Love – the way we respond to God and people
- Faith – the way we trust God
- Purity – the way we deal with temptation and sin

1 Peter 5:2-3

- To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Areas of Exemplary Leadership

- Not because you must, but because you are willing – an impassioned heart, not discouraged by the time and the effort it takes
- Not pursuing dishonest gain – not distracted by greed or making money
- Not lording over those entrusted to you – serving with an humble heart, not delusional about your importance and influence over others
