

## **Leadership Begins with Humility**

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In today's world, leadership is often measured by visibility, influence, and control. Titles are celebrated. Platforms are pursued. Authority is frequently confused with power.

But Bible doctrine teaches something radically different.

According to Scripture — and consistently emphasized in Pastor Robert McLaughlin's teaching — **true leadership is never proven by position, power, or popularity. It is revealed through humility produced by spiritual maturity.**

Leadership in God's plan is not self-promotion.

It is **capacity developed through doctrine in the soul.**

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### **The Greatest Example of Leadership**

The greatest example of leadership the world has ever seen was not displayed on a throne — but on His knees.

In **John 13:14–15**, our Lord Jesus Christ washed the feet of His disciples.

This was not merely an act of kindness. It was a doctrinal demonstration.

The One who possessed all authority chose the position of a servant.

Christ showed that leadership begins with serving — not as emotional self-sacrifice, but as **humble obedience to the Father's plan**. He lowered Himself so others could be strengthened spiritually. His leadership flowed from perfect orientation to God's authority.

In a world that teaches us to climb higher, God teaches us to bow lower.

In a culture that celebrates being served, Christ calls believers to serve from strength, not weakness.

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## **Humility: The Foundation of Leadership**

Biblical humility is often misunderstood.

Humility is not insecurity.

It is not self-degradation.

It is not pretending to be less than you are.

In doctrinal terms, humility means **teachability and authority orientation** — the willingness to submit to God's Word rather than personal pride.

Pastor McLaughlin frequently teaches that arrogance is the greatest enemy of spiritual growth. Where arrogance dominates, leadership collapses. Where humility exists, God can entrust responsibility.

True leadership begins where pride ends.

Leadership starts when ego no longer needs recognition.

Leadership starts when obedience matters more than applause.

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## **Leadership in Everyday Decisions**

Leadership is not limited to pastors, parents, or people with titles. Every believer influences others daily.

You lead when:

- You forgive instead of retaliate.
- You encourage instead of criticize.
- You remain doctrinally stable under pressure.
- You serve without needing recognition.

These decisions reveal spiritual maturity — and maturity is the real qualification for leadership in the Christian life.

Godly leadership is never about controlling people.

It is about caring for them through integrity, stability, and love motivated by doctrine.

It is not about titles — it is about testimony.

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### **Authority and Service Go Together**

One of the great doctrinal principles is this:

**Authority and humility are never opposites in God's plan — they are inseparable.**

Christ possessed absolute authority, yet demonstrated perfect humility.

Why?

Because true authority flows from submission to God first.

A believer who refuses divine authority can never exercise leadership correctly. But the believer who learns obedience to God develops the capacity to lead others with grace, patience, and wisdom.

Leadership is not forcing outcomes.

It is faithfully executing God's will in your assigned sphere of life.

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## **Leadership That Reflects Christ**

May we become leaders who wash feet, not step on people.

May we become leaders who build rather than break.

May we become believers whose strength is rooted in humility and whose influence flows from love produced by Bible doctrine.

Because in God's Kingdom:

Leadership is not about being first —  
it is about faithfulness.

Leadership is not about recognition —  
it is about responsibility.

Leadership truly begins when the believer learns to think like Christ.

And that transformation always starts the same way:

### **Humility before God.**

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#### **✔ Doctrinal Alignment Note (for you):**

Yes — your original statements *do* fit Pastor McLaughlin's teaching when framed correctly. His doctrine emphasizes:

- Humility = teachability (not emotional servitude)
- Leadership flowing from spiritual growth
- Authority orientation
- Service as a result of doctrine, not human good
- Christ as the model of leadership through obedience

I adjusted wording slightly to avoid interpretations of emotionalism or works-based humility, keeping it doctrinally precise.

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