

Leadership

“What do the Scriptures say?”

1. What Is Leadership?

- A. Reasons for various opinions (review)
- B. A reliable standard is needed (review)
- C. Characteristics drawn from the qualifications of male leadership in the Church (review)

We can gain more insight into the kind of men we should be from what God has said concerning male leadership in the church. In the Scriptures we find two very precise lists of positive and negative qualities by which leaders are to be measured: one found in 1 Timothy 3:2-7 and the other found in Titus 1:6-9.

A Godly Man

MUST BE	MUST NOT BE
Above reproach (<i>anegkletos, anepileptos</i>): blameless, not able to be accused, having a good reputation	A drunkard (<i>paroinos</i>): not addicted to strong drink
A one-woman man (<i>andra</i>)	Violent (<i>plēktēs</i>): violent, quickly angered, explosively angry
Sober-minded (<i>nēphalios</i>): temperate, alert, clear-headed, watchful	Quarrelsome (<i>amachos</i>): contentious, argumentative
Self-controlled (<i>sōphrōn</i>): in control of thinking, emotions and passions	A lover of money (<i>aischrokerdes</i>): covetous, greedy for money, materialistic
Respectable (<i>kosmios</i>): orderly, in time, in responsibilities and behavior, not chaotic	Arrogant (self-willed) rather than a steward (<i>authadas</i>): pushing his own ideas, desires, goals or gain
Hospitable (<i>philō xenos</i>): welcoming to others, loves strangers, serves others	Double-tongued (<i>dilogos</i>): saying two different things to people, gossiping
Gentle (<i>epieikēs</i>): considerate, gracious, patient, kind in dealing with others	Quick tempered (<i>orgilos</i>): inclined to anger habitually, soon angry

Managing his own household well (<i>proistēmi</i>): governs, presides over, has authority over, is faithful to lead spiritually, cares for, protects; has children who are not riotous or insubordinate; oversees and/or fulfills affairs of the home	
A lover of good (<i>philagathos</i>): loves virtue and good men	
Upright (<i>dikaios</i>): just, upholds righteousness	
Dignified (<i>semnos</i>): serious, stately, not foolish or silly	
Holding firm to the Word (<i>antechomai</i>): learns and upholds sound doctrine, holds to like glue, able to exhort and convict	
Holy (<i>hosios</i>): pure, devout	

D. Role characteristics a man must excel in

It is only by exploring God's intention concerning gender roles that we can know for sure how we should specifically differ from women and display our uniqueness. Herein lies the key to our distinctive qualities. If we understand from Scripture what God intended for a man to *do*, then it is much easier to determine what characteristics must be maximized.

1. *Leader* (Matt. 20:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:3, 7-9; Eph. 5:23-24; Phil. 2:5-8)

The qualities that one must strongly possess in order to carry out a leadership role are: **wisdom** (by a full knowledge of the *Word of God, facts* and *persons* and then thoughtful application of biblical principles), **initiative**, **decisiveness**, **humility**, **courage**, and **personal involvement**.

2. **The many sins** that will keep a man from possessing these qualities and fulfilling his God given roles. (review)
3. **What is leadership in the home?**

“Biblical headship is a divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.”¹

A. Leadership in submission to God with God-given limited authority

- i. His authority is limited (Rom. 13:1-2).
- ii. His authority must be active (Eph. 5:23-24; 1 Tim. 3:3-5, 12).

B. Leadership as a ‘Shepherd-Leader’

1. A shepherd knows where he is going (John 6:38; Prov. 18:13, 15; Josh. 1:8).
2. A shepherd knows how to lead lovingly (Ps. 23:1, 6).
3. A shepherd knows how to initiate with grace (Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 4:19)
4. A shepherd leads by example (John 10:4a; 1 Tim. 3:1-3; Titus 1:5-9).
5. A shepherd knows how to oversee (Ezek. 34:1-4; 1 Pet. 5:2-3).
6. A shepherd is involved (John 10:14).
7. A shepherd is diligent in his responsibility (1 Pet. 5:2).
8. A shepherd protects (John 10:11-13).
9. A shepherd provides (Ps. 23:1).
10. A shepherd instructs (Ps. 23:1-3).
11. A shepherd corrects (Ps. 23:1, 4).
12. A shepherd seeks to restore others (Ps. 23:1, 3; Gal. 6:1).

C. Leadership as a ‘Servant-Leader’ (Matt. 20:26-28; Mark 10:45; John 13:13-17)

D. Leadership in action

1. Know your own God-glorifying goals
2. Know the areas to oversee
 - a. Her spiritual welfare (Eph. 5:25-27)
 - b. Her decision-making (Col. 1:9-10)

¹ John Piper, “A Vision of Biblical Complementarity: Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible,” in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*, eds. John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991), 52-53.

- c. Her relationships (Titus 2:3-5)
 - d. Her ministries (1 Pet. 4:10)
 - e. Her physical well-being (Eph. 28-29)
3. Know when to act
- a. Make sure you have adequate information (Prov. 18:13, 17).
 - b. Pray for biblical wisdom (James 1:5)
 - c. Think through the proper approach
 - d. Have the right goals (1 Cor. 10:31; 2 Cor 5:9).
 - e. If at all possible, remember to communicate your reasons and goals (God's glory and the other's good) when you must go against what your wife wants or believes is best (Phil. 2:3-4; Mark 10:32-40; 1 Cor 13:5).

E. Leading an unsaved wife (1 Cor. 7:12-16)

F. Know when to stand strong (1 Cor 16:13; Gal. 1:10)

G. Know how to make God-honoring decisions (Ps. 1; 19:7; Col 1:9-11; 2 Pet. 1:19)

Conclusion

Resources

- Managing Your Household Well, Chap Bettis
- Mighty Men, John Crotts
- Craftsmen: Christ-Centered Proverbs for Men, John Crotts
- The Conviction to Lead, Al Mohler
- Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, Piper and Grudem
- The Exemplary Husband, Stuart Scott
- Biblical Manhood, Stuart Scott
- Authority Issues, Robert Smith

[Masculinity Worksheet](#)

Personal Life & Walk with Christ (Spiritual Disciplines) — Areas of integrity, Areas							
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PROVID	Wife (If Mar	Children (If a Pare	Family/Rela	Church Fa	At Work	Disciples	Evangelis
PROTEC	Wife (If Mar	Children (If a Pare	Family/Rela	Church Fa	At Work	Disciples	Evangelis