

The Nature of Leadership

Exodus 17-18, Ezekiel 34,

Acts 15, 1 Cor 13,

1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9,

1 Peter 5:1-4

Today's questions:

What is Leadership?

How does God model/define/pattern?

What does that mean for us?

What is the right heart?

What is the right structure?

The Current Culture Problem

No Moral Framework

No Absolute Authority

Do not value humility above “gifting”

The Current Culture Solution

Endeavor to continually apply the norms, principles, and heart found in Scripture lest we fall into the same trap as the World, Pharisees, or Sadducees (Matt 16:2-3, Matt 22:31-32).

The Heart of Christ
with Scripture continually digested and
applied in an ever-changing world
(2 Peter 1:3-11, 2 Tim 3:16-17)

A working definition of Leadership

Someone who people follow,
someone who influences,
and someone who mobilizes toward a
common goal. [1]

Heart of Service: Love and Devotion

Ezekiel 34 and John 13

- Humility, Holiness, and Heart

Heart of Service

20 characteristics from

1 Tim. 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Peter 5:1-4

1. Faithful
2. Above reproach
3. The husband of one wife
4. Temperate
5. Prudent

6. Respectable
7. Hospitable
8. Able to teach
9. Not addicted to wine
10. Not self-willed

11. Not quick-tempered

12. Not argumentative

13. Gentle

14. Peaceable

15. Not Greedy

16. Runs household

17. Loves good

18. Just

19. Devout

20. Self-controlled

Structures/Patterns/Principles

Gen 1-11 - Adam -Noah

= Personal Relationship/Marriage

Gen 12-50 - Patriarchs

= Personal Relationship/Family

Structures/Patterns/Principles

Exodus-Samuels - Moses - Judges

= Theocracy - Prophet/Judge

supported by Elders - High Priest

supported by Levites

Structures/Patterns/Principles

Samuals- OT— Saul - Zedekiah

= Theocratic Monarchy - Political

Religious state, Prophet, Priest, King, all supported by Elders

Structures/Patterns/Principles

Matthew-John Jesus, 3, 12, 70

= Jesus and the disciples

Structures/Patterns/Principles

Acts - Revelation — The Church

= Structure continues Acts 1, Acts 15

Job Description Given - 1 Tim. 3:1–7;

Titus 1:5–10

Words used:

pastor, elder, bishop, overseer, deacon,
servant, minister, director, leader,
father, priest, preacher, prophet,
evangelist, apostle, missionary, and
board member!?

The heart is clear, the structure is not

Responsibility should always be
matched by authority

Heart/character/walk should ALWAYS
be more important than talent or flavor

How we do it here: Principles

Responsibility = Authority

Character over Ability

Family, not business

Unity with diversity

Structure with mutual submission

Prayer and people over programs

How we do it here: Structure

Pastors / Elders / Overseers

Staff / Leadership

Servants / Ministers / Deacons

Ordination = appoint / set in order

- from Late Latin ordinare, from Latin,
to put in order, appoint, from ordin-,
ordo order (**Titus 1**),

See (**Leviticus 8:1–10:20, Psalm 133**)

Ordination / Laid hands on

Moses to Joshua (Numbers 27:18, 23;
Deuteronomy 34:9)

Priests (Leviticus 8:1–10:20, Psalm 133)

Ordination / Laid hands on

The Seven Deacons (Acts 6:6)

Barnabas and Paul (Acts 13)

In Epistles (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6, Titus 1:5-9)

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is
like the precious oil upon the head, Running
down on the beard, The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending
upon the mountains of Zion; For there the
LORD commanded the blessing--Life
forevermore." - **Psalm 133:1-3 NKJV**

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