

MARKS OF BIBLICAL

Leadership

**We Lead From Within:
Who You Are Shapes How You Lead**

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***“Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord
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Samuel 16:7

I Timothy 3:2-7

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Diagnostic Question:

**If your private life were livestreamed for one week...
would you still be qualified to lead?**



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B. THE TEST OF YOUR FRUIT (YOUR ROOTS)

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22–25

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***"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the
Spirit." Galatians 5:25***



ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU

"As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me"

JOHN 15:4

Proverbs 10

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4. THE GOAL: A LIFE WORTH IMITATING

***"Follow my example, as I follow Christ." 1 Corinthians
11:1***

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PRACTICAL STEP

Identify your one weakest area. Every morning, pray this simple prayer:

"Spirit, today in [this situation], [mend this breach, or cultivate this fruit or fill this gap] in me. I can't do it. You must."

