

Biblical Leadership

Are leaders born or are leaders made?

Born Leaders – People are born with special gifts and capabilities for leadership. Either you have them or you do not.

Made Leaders – The art of leadership can be learned. Leadership is a developed capability.

Spiritual gifts = Edification of the Body of Christ
Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31,
Ephesians 4:7-16, 1 Peter 4:10-11

Elder/deacon requirements assume growth before leadership.
1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:6-9

Natural leader versus the *gift* of leadership.

Some people are naturally more gifted in some areas than others. God may use natural ability but there is a danger of relying on natural ability and not depending on the Spirit.
Apollos – Acts 18:24-28
Paul – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Moses – Exodus 4:10-16

The most important characteristic of a Biblical spiritual leader!

CHARACTER!

A demonstration of God's presence in your life!

Consistency over time = Respect.

Integrity

Preparation

Humility

Question:

Why should anyone want to follow me?

Answer:

Because my character reflects my walk with God?

"...just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. You also became imitators of us and of the Lord..."

1 Thess. 1:5-6

"Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith."

Hebrews 13:7