



# **Leadership Masterclass**

**Growing into Maturity as Kingdom Leaders**

**Ephesians 4.11–16**

# Ephesians 4.11 – 16 (NLT)



<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



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# Submission to God and leading ourselves well

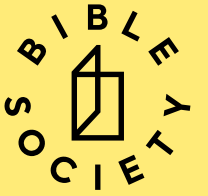
If we can't lead ourselves, then we will never to be able to lead others successfully



Leadership is not about  
**celebrity ...**

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it is about  
**God's service**



*Leadership is not primarily about  
**our vision ...***

*but our **obedience to God's vision***

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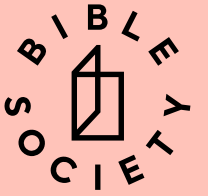
**Starting points  
are critical**





**A vision that comes from God  
builds kingdom,  
a vision that does not  
builds personal empires**





Leadership is not  
primarily about our  
**gifting** ...

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but our  
**character**



# *Character trumps gifting*

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# 1 Timothy 3.2–7 (NLT)



<sup>2</sup> So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. <sup>3</sup> He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. <sup>5</sup> For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?

<sup>6</sup> A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. <sup>7</sup> Also, people outside the church must speak well of him so that he will not be disgraced and fall into the devil's trap.



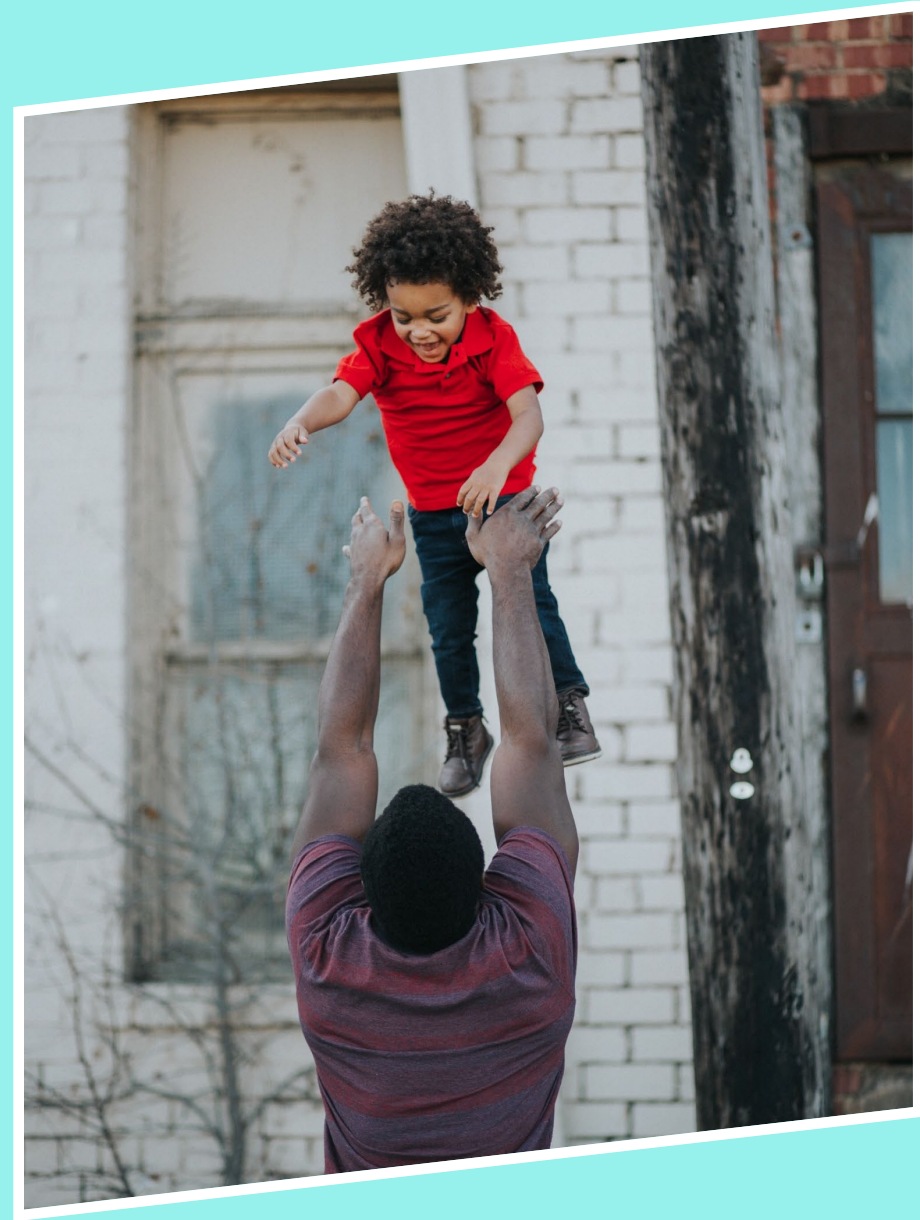
**Leadership is not  
primarily positional ...**

**but functional**

**Testimony before title**

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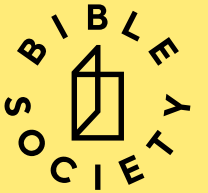
**credibility**





**Leadership  
is not easy ...**

**it's costly**



*Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?*

*Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many.*

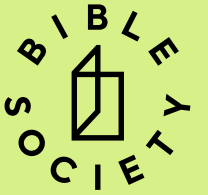
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MARK 10. 35, 44 – 45 (NIV)



**Leadership  
can be  
lonely**

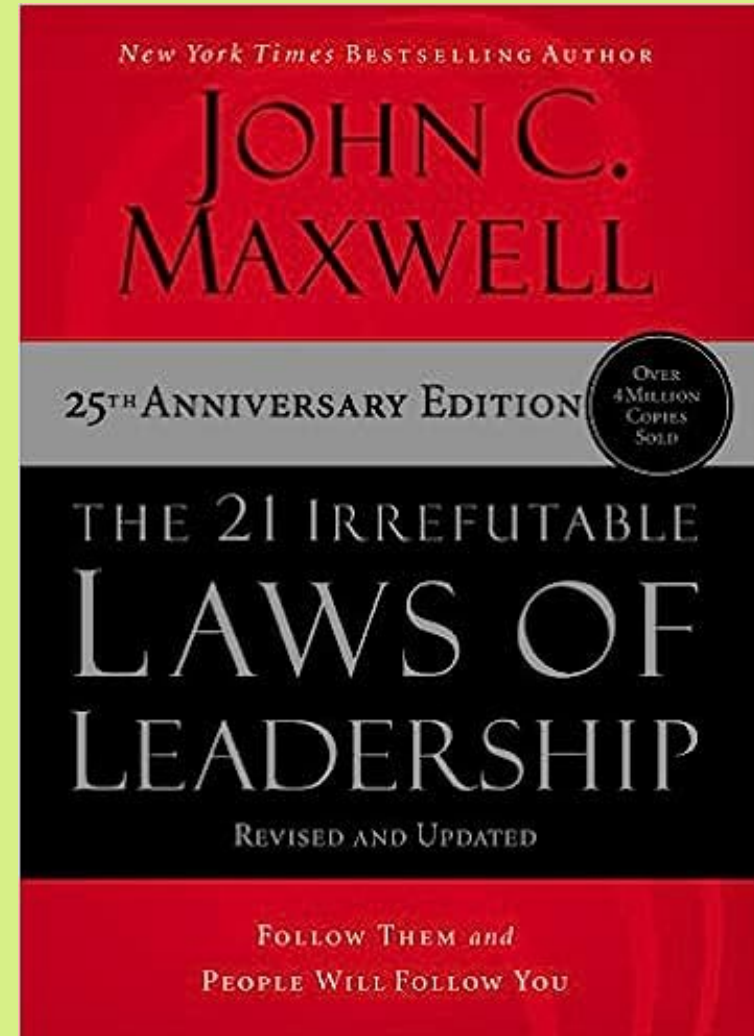




# *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership*

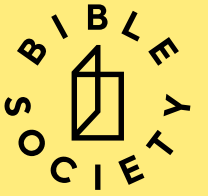
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# Phase 1

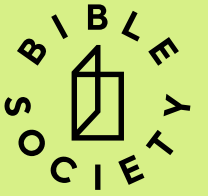
## *I don't know what I don't know*



**Leaders who lack personal insight are like tone deaf musicians – they don't hear the noise that everyone else does**

# Phase 2

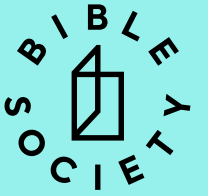
## *I know that I need to know*



Psalm 119.105  
Your word is a lamp  
unto my *feet* – it  
doesn't say my *street*. It  
is often revelation one  
step at a time

# Phase 3

## *I know what I don't know*



**You get the answers to  
the questions you ask**

# Phase 4



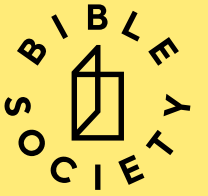
*I know and grow, and it starts to show*



**Watching others stretch  
past you is real  
leadership legacy**

# Phase 5

*I simply go because of what I know*

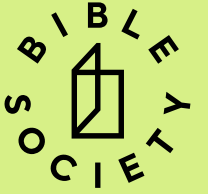


**Where are you in this process?**



# **Conclusion**

**Why is all of this so important?**

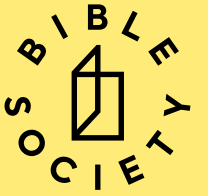


# Challenge

*Would I willingly follow myself?*

Think about five leadership strengths and weaknesses





# In summary, leadership is:

1. Not about our celebrity – it's **about God's service**
2. Not primarily about our vision but **our obedience to God's Vision**
3. Not primarily about our gifting but **our character**
4. Not primarily positional but **functional**
5. Not easy – it is **costly**



# Thank you

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