

Part II

The Making of a Leader





The Foundation for Biblical Leadership

Biblical Leadership:

The task of leading God's people into mutual ministry with one another for the purpose of building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world. (Eph. 4:11-13; Matt. 28:18-20)



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Leaders need to...

- Establish a growing and maturing relationship with the Lord (John 15:5)
- Sense a calling or passion from the Lord to lead people (Ex. 3:1-10)
- Have a vision for building up future leaders (2 Tim 2:2)

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Christ's Example as a Leader

- His Vision
- His Example



Biblical leadership
Biblical leadership
flows out of a life of
flows out of a Christ
devotion to Christ





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Key Objectives for a Biblical Leader

- Lead through serving your people well
- Multiply your ministry into the life of another
- Finish the race with integrity



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Christ Follower

Having a passion for Christ



- Turn from sin in your life (1 John 1:9; Rom. 6:6)
- Spend time in God's Word and in prayer (Col. 3:16; 1 Peter 2:2)
- Use your gifts in ministry (Rom 12:3-8; Phil 1:29; 1 Pet. 4:12-14)



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Character

Paying attention to the heart



- Being transformed (Rom 8:28-30; 12:1-2; Phil 1:9-10)
- Developing character worthy of leadership (1 Thess 1:3; 1 Tim 1:5; 3:1-15; 6:11; Titus 1:5-9))

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Calling

Called to shepherd God's people

- Matthew 9:36-38
- Phil. 1:8
- 1 Thess 2:7-8
- 1 Peter 5:1-4



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Competence

Able to lead and guide a group

- Matt. 4:19; 9:36-38
- Acts 6:1-7





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Compatibility

Having the temperament and passion for leadership

- Acts 6:2
- Romans 12:8
- Hebrews 13:7, 17





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Commitment

Doing what it takes

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Romans 16:3-4
- 2 Timothy 2:2





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Capacity

An ability to serve people and provide care for them

• 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 12





Qualifications of Small Group Leadership

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Motives for Leadership

Appropriate motives for leadership

- Glorify the Lord Col. 3:23-24
- Bear fruit in your life *John 15:8*
- Keep watch (shepherd) others Acts 20:28
- Be an example *1 Peter 5:2-4*
- Use your gifts to serve one another *Eph 4:11-13*
- Give God's message of reconciliation *2 Cor. 5:19-21*

Motives for Leadership

Wrong motives and hindrances to leadership

- Self-exaltation *Prov. 27:2*
- To feel important or gain prestige 1 Thess 2:4-6
- Because someone pressured you 1 Peter 5:2
- Having a short fuse or exhibiting outbursts of anger *James 1:19-20; Gal. 5:20; Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8*
- Unconfessed sin 1 John 1:9; Rom. 6:16; Acts 2:38
- Biblical error or false teaching *2 Tim. 4:3-4*



Motives for Leadership

Leaders are called and gifted of God to build into others, facilitate their growth, and lead by example in obedience and character. The quality of ministry is directly proportional to the quality of leadership.



Leadership Responsibilities

Small Group Leader's Job Description

Pre-requisites

- Confess that Jesus Christ is their Forgiver and Leader (Savior and Lord).
- Regard the Bible as authoritative guide to their faith and life.
- Is a participating member of the church (or is actively pursuing membership).
- Agrees to come into the small group leadership structure and fulfill the requirements of a leader.

Small Group Leader's Job Description

Responsibilities



- Build a leadership team
- Conduct life-changing group meetings
- Shepherd the members of your group
- Expand the ministry



