



## Principles of Leadership

### Introduction

Good day to everyone here, today I want to preach a message on "The Principles of Leadership."

Today we are going to look at some of the principles of Christian Leadership and then see examples of this leadership principle in the lives of one of more Biblical leaders.

I trust that I will be able to justice to this topic in the brief time I have to preach.

### The Word of God

The Word of God is fundamental in the life of any and every Christian leader. If you want to lead others or to minister to others you need this Word of God living and operating in your life.

Not only must you have your own copy of His Word, but you need to read it, study it, memorise it and make part of your life, every day.

Moses said it this way in Psalm 119:11 & 105 *"<sup>11</sup>I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."* *"<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

Let us do a test,

- Who here believes that your Bible is the Word of GOD?
- Who believes this Bible is GOD revelation to us and how we to live?
- Who believes the words and promises in the Bible are from GOD?

Honesty where you are sitting today, just you and God, what is your answer, **Have you read the Word of GOD cover to cover**, not skipping any part, you know those difficult names, those parts that do not make sense, no when I say all I mean all!

This Word of God must become a part of you, if this Word says do not do this, then do not do it, do not try to make any excuses

**James 1:22** *"<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

If you want to be able to lead your church and you need to lead them to GOD, you will need to immerse yourself, fill yourself with the Word of GOD every day and then you need to do what it says.

And when there are questions in your congregations about what to do, which way you need to go, what is the right for your church go first to this Word and do what it says.

The Word is like water, and it will wash you, cleanse you and change your life every time you read it and allow it to change you.

The Word of GOD is fundamental to your leadership and it must be honoured, and as I said before it needs to get into your life, your ministry, and everything you do, because when you know GOD through His Word, when you know that He loves you with and everlasting love and that He has called you to reconcile people to Him through Jesus Christ as we and see in **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**



*"<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."*

## **Be in submission**

The next leadership principle I want to discuss is submission. GOD never called anyone

## **Be Humble**

## **Lead by example**

## **Raise up the next generation**

## **Teach with authority**

## **Walking in God's power**

## **Do not point fingers**

## **Watch out for robbers**

When Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows and George Beverlie Shae start the Bill Gram ministries they were determine not to fall in the pit fall of so many men of GOD.

They studied these men of God and why they fell, and they determined these pit falls were Money, Power, Pride and Women.

Sadly, today all ministers of the Gospel face these same issues, and we have to deal with them radically or they will destroy us.

### **Money**

The first part of their manifesto was never to place a burden on their audience for them to give money, to peddle the Gospel for money or gain as Paul says in 2 Corinthians 2:17.

The next was not to handle money, they chose independent men and women of God to count the ministries income and to each take a reasonable salary.

God clearly says in **Matthew 6:24** *"<sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."*

We need to decide who we serve, God or money – rather chase after God and He will provide. **Philippians 4:19** *"<sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."*



Remember money is not evil it is a tool, **1 Timothy 6:10** *"<sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."*

It is the love of money that will cause you to fall in this area so steer clear of this, as I also quote **Philippians 4:19** God will supply all our needs

So, you need to decide what you will do with this advice, God is able to meet your needs we just need to trust Him.

### **Tell the story of Jenda church**

#### **Power**

Decided to day to be honest in your accounting of your attendance

#### **Pride**

#### **Women**

### **Conclusion**

Leadership is living the life of a servant of Christ in total humility and submission to God and His Word.

### **Let's pray...**

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