



Looking for Leaders

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- *Then Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying: 2 “When leaders lead in Israel, when the people willingly offer themselves, Bless the Lord!”*

A Leader Must be a Follower

- *A leader must always be submissive to another's authority.*
- *John 4:34 - ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.*
- *John 6:38 - ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.*

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- *Without submission one can never truly be a servant.*
- *There is only one type of spiritual leadership and that is servant leadership.*

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- *John 13:12-17 - ¹²So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.*

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- *Every good leader seeks not his own recognition but his superiors.*
- *2 Timothy 2:4 - 4 No soldier in active service gets entangled in the [ordinary business] affairs of civilian life; [he avoids them] so that he may please the one who enlisted him to serve. (AMP)*

A Leader Leads

- *Sheep are led; cattle are driven. Sheep recognize a voice; cattle are shouted at.*
- *We lead from the front; we always set the pace and example.*
- *If the leader doesn't know where he is going, what his or God's goals are, he is by definition a failure as a leader.*

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- *Proverbs 24:3 - 3 Through [skillful and godly] wisdom a house [a life, a home, a family] is built, and by understanding it is established [on a sound and good foundation], 4 and by knowledge its rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. (AMP)*

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- *If his life does not preach the truth of Jesus and the entire Word of God, he is not fit to be a leader. Notice his life must preach and not just his mouth.*
- *Hebrews 13:7 - 7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.*

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- *A leader gages the pace of the sheep. He knows when to slow down or speed up. He knows when to poke or prod the wayward or slow sheep. Simply put, a good shepherd knows his sheep and a good leader knows those he leads.*
- *Proverbs 22:6 - 6 Train up a child in the way he should go [teaching him to seek God's wisdom and will for his abilities and talents], even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (AMP)*

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- *The good shepherd may poke or prod but he never will beat his sheep nor does he scare them.*
- *2 Timothy 2:24-26 - ²⁴ And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

A Leader Must Have Sacrificial Love

- *Those we lead are always the highest priority and only love will prioritize someone over ourselves.*
- *1 Corinthians 14:1 - Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. (NLT)*

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- *The good shepherd or leader always has a calm demeanor.*
- *If the shepherd is scared, frantic or bullying, the sheep will adopt their attitude and be scattered and lost.*

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- *Ezekiel 34:1-6 - And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ³ You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock.*

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- *4 The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.”*

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- *Jeremiah 23:4 - 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they will not be afraid any longer, nor be terrified, nor will any be missing," says the Lord. (AMP)*