

Spiritual Leadership

A Biblical perspective

So even if I boast somewhat freely about the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down, I will not be ashamed of it.

2 Cor 10:8

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1. Calling of a Spiritual Leader/ Disciple

And He said to them,

“Follow me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”

(Matthew 4:19)

2. Traits of Leadership

- a. Authority is received from God, 2 Cor 13:10; Jn 5:27
- b. Not to be served but to serve, safely (Ps 78:53), gently (Is 40:11), faithfully (Deut 8:2, 15)
- c. Essence not in having, but in giving – life, edification, 1 Cor 14:26
- d. To construct and not destruct, Jn 17:2
- e. Involves Account giving to God, Heb 13:17

3. Disciplines of a Leader

a. Drawing a line of resistance and Training our appetites

(Resist it early enough and train yourself with the fruit of the Holy Spirit, Gal 5:22)

- **Physical hunger:** Managed by Self Control
- **Emotional hunger:** Managed by Patience
- **Intellectual hunger:** Managed by pursuit of Peace
- **Relational hunger:** Managed by Love and discipline
- **Spiritual hunger:** Managed by Faith & faithfulness

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b. Draw the Line of Dependence

- **For Wisdom:** Like Daniel, Daniel 2:20
- **For Provision:** Like Elijah, 1 Kings 17:2
- **For Protection:** Like Gideon, Jud 6:36-38
- **For Resilience:** Like Samson, Judges 16:28

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c. Draw the Line of confidence

- On God's Word: Like Paul, in shipwreck, Acts 27:22-25
- In prayer, 1 John 5:14, 15
- In God's promises, Phil 1:6
- In God's perfect Will, Phil 1: 25, 26

4. Gifts of a Leader

- a. **Gifts of Insight:** Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits
- b. **Gifts of Power:** Faith, Working of Miracles, Gifts of Healing
- c. **Gifts of Communication:** Prophecy, Different Kinds of tongues, Interpretation of tongues

5. Leader's Role in the Church

- a. **Apostles:** Men divinely commissioned as Christ's mission representatives ...
 - To establish churches, Eph 2:20
 - Uphold discipline 2 Cor 13:1-6
 - To perform miracles, as demonstration of God's love and power, Rom 15:19-20

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- b. **Prophets**: Inspired messenger ...
 - To predict future, Acts 21:10-11
 - To define God's Will, Acts 13:1-3

- c. **Evangelists**: One who proclaims Good news ...
 - A distinct ministry, Eph 4:11, Acts 21:8 (Philip), to win souls

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- d. **Shepherds**: One who cares for the sheep ...
 - Know their sheep, Jn 10:3-5
 - Search for the Lost, Lk 15:4-5

- e. **Teachers**: Rabbi - meaning 'my master'
 - Teach God's way: Ps 27:11
 - Teach Holiness: Titus 2:12
 - Teach Spiritual Truth: Heb 8:11-12

- f. **Administrators (Helps)**: Those who bear another's burden
 - Gift to the Church: 1 Cor 12:28
 - Be on guard, for themselves and the Church: Acts 20: 28, 35

6. Leader's Role in the Society

- a. Service in the Inner court (Caring for the soul): come near (lead people to repentance), minister to God (worship), stand before him (intercede), Ezek 44:15
- b. Service in the outer court of human need (Caring for the poor), Mt 25:40

7. Leader's role at Home

- a. Guarding the unity of the couple (One flesh),
Gen 2:24

- b. Raise a God-fearing generation, by diligently
governing his household matters, 1 Tim 3:4-5

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