

# LEAD BY SERVING

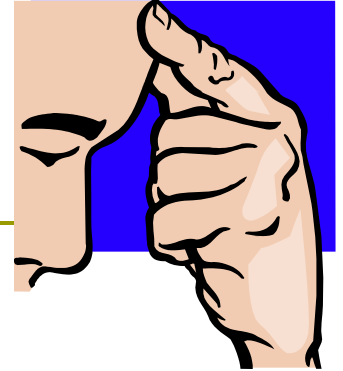
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**Luke 6:40** *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.*



# A need to sharpen our mind

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## **Ecclesiastes 10:10**

If the ax is dull,  
And one does not sharpen the edge,  
Then he must use more strength;  
But **wisdom** brings success.

# Which leader to follow

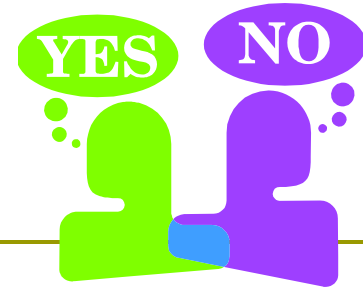
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- Who do you want to go to?
  - Parent
  - Teacher
  - Coach
  - Brethren
  - Preacher

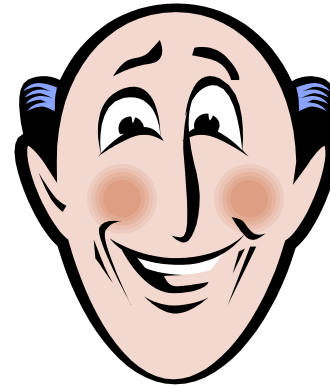


# A lot of differences

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- Good leader influence
  - Our Thoughts,
  - Our Actions,
  - Our Behaviors.



- Poor leadership affects countries, cities, churches and families!



# Follow a good leader

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- ❑ **Luke 6:39** And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?"
- ❑ **Matthew 15:14** Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."
- ❑ Study the patterns of the most effective leaders who have ever lived



# The marks of the LEADER

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## □ Testified by John the Baptist

- And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." - **Matthew 3:17**

## □ Jesus Christ said

- I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. - **John 12:46**
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. - **John 14:6**



# The marks of the SERVANT

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## □ Jesus redefined leadership

- **Mark 10:42-45** But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

## □ Serve others if you want to lead



# The key to serving others

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- ❑ Have a humble heart
- ❑ Jesus example
  - **John 13:3-5** Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4. rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded
- ❑ "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" - **Mark 10:45.**



# Learn from our Lord Jesus

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- You ought to
  - Serve others if you want to lead
- Important to
  - Seek the Father's Will
  - A leader is a person who held accountable by a higher authority
- Let's seek Jesus as a Role Model
  - The example of servant-leadership



# The Marks of the Effective Leader

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- 1. Godliness**
- 2. Integrity**
- 3. Stability**
- 4. Humility**
- 5. Diplomacy**
- 6. Vision**
- 7. Sociability**



# Quality of an effective leader in Church

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## 1. Godliness

- ❑ **1 Timothy 4:8** For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.
- ❑ The person
  - Walk with God
  - Have personal relationship with Jesus Christ
  - Willing to be available to God

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## 2. Integrity

- ❑ **Proverbs 10:9** He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known.
- ❑ **Titus 2:7-8** in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8. sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.
- ❑ Good Leader
  - Can always be trusted
  - Have **consistent** Attitudes and Actions

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## 3. Stability

- ❑ **1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- ❑ Good Leader
  - Sound in judgment
  - Not quick to shift positions
  - Not easily influenced by other's strongly held positions

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## 4. Humility

- ❑ **2 Timothy 2:24-26** 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.
- ❑ Effective Leaders
  - Humble before God and before others
  - Need not to be praised
  - Recognized Abilities owned are the gift of God

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## 5. Diplomacy

- ❑ **James 1:19-20** So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20. for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.
- ❑ Leaders who can maintain a successful ministry
  - Choose words carefully
  - Never giving unnecessary offence
  - Will not gossip about others
  - Will be always tactful
  - Considerate of the opinions of others
  - Willing to listen

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## 6. Vision

- ❑ **Philippians 3:12-14** Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
- ❑ Successful Leaders have
  - A big vision, a long vision, an exciting vision
  - Knows its long term implications
  - Ability to enlist others into their vision
  - Will set goals and have plans for action
- ❑ **Quotes:** Leadership is getting people to work for you when they are not obligated.

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## 7. Sociability

- ❑ **Hebrews 13:1-2** Let brotherly love continue. 2. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.
- ❑ **1 John 3:17-18** But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18. My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
- ❑ Good Leaders
  - Don't need to be the center of attention
  - Need to love and to serve their people
- ❑ **Quotes:** You can love people without leading them, but you cannot lead people without loving them.

# Who are you following?

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- ❑ Leadership is a crucial issue
- ❑ Who you follow says a lot about you
- ❑ Questions to ask ourselves
  - "Can you influence people in a way that benefits them?"
  - "Can you effectively lead yourself?"
  - Do you lead with humility and compassion?
  - Have you mastered the arts of forgiveness and service?
  - Do you practice the **Golden Rule**?
- ❑ **Matthew 7:12** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets

# Points to ponder

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1. He who thinketh he leadeth and **hath no one following** him is only taking a walk.
2. If you're going to lead, **make sure you know where** you're going.
3. If you're going to follow, make sure that you are **following someone who knows** what he is doing!"

# Conclusion

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- We should see **leadership** and **command** as **opportunities** to **serve** the people.
- Follow our leader – Jesus Christ!
- Let's remember to **seek strength** from our Lord Jesus, so that we could **follow** Him, **learn** from Him, and **truly be like Him** in all that we do

