

7 MARKS OF AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP

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Introduction:

A. World Leadership Crisis!

B. Types of Leaders:

Poor Leaders

Passive Leaders

Perverted Leaders

Prophetic Leaders

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C. Or there are...

Foolish Leaders

Frivolous Leaders

Fearful Leaders

Faithful Leaders

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D. Marks of Biblical Leadership...

1. HEART OF A SHEPHERD:

Numbers 27:15 (Moses)

Moses said to the LORD,

Psalms 78:72 (David)

And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

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John 10:10 (Jesus)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

1 Peter 5:2 (You & Me)

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under our care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

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2. HEAD OF A STUDENT:

Isaiah 1:18:

"Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

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Ezra 7:10:

For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

II Timothy 2:15:

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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“Heart + Head”

Beware of “intoxication of education!”

“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up”

I Corinthians 8:1:

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

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3. HUMILITY OF A SERVANT:

Luke 22:27:

For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Matthew 20:28

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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1 Corinthians 4:1:

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God.

Principle: Philippians 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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Biblical Leaders = “Servant Leaders”

4. HONESTY OF A STEWARD:

Steward = “*Someone entrusted with someone else’s property*”

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (Paul):

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

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Luke 16: Stewardship of “Little” & “Much”

II Timothy 1:14: Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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Stewards of:

- *Message*
- *Motive*
- *Money*
- *Morals*
- *Marriage*

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Stewardship for every age in life:

- Youth = “*Lust*”

II Timothy 2:22

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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- Young Adult = “*Money*”

I Timothy 6:6-10:

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

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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.

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- Old Age = “*Power*”

II Corinthians 10:8:

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

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II Corinthians 13:10:

This is why I write these things when I am absent, that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for building you up, not for tearing you down.

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5. HOLINESS OF A SAINT:

- Saint = “set apart...sanctify...temple”
- Paul’s Letters: *“To the saints in Christ in...”*
- “Mother Teresa” = Will be made “saint by Pope
- Kumbha Mela = Dip in Ganges to wash away sin & be made holy.

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I Peter 1:15-16:

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

I Thessalonians 4:7:

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

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Church = “Bride of Christ” not a “harlot!”

Ephesians 1:18:

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

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6. HARDNESS OF A SOLDIER:

II Timothy 2:3:

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

I Timothy 6:12:

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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II Corinthians 10:4-5:

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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Ephesians 6:10-18:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

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In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Ephesians 6:10-18

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7. HANDS OF A SON:

Matthew 25:34:

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'

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Jesus = Carpenter; Matthew 13:55:

"Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?"

Mark 6:3: "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

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Paul = Tentmaker; Acts 18:1-3:

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

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Luke 12:32:

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Acts 20:34:

You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions.

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Colossians 3:23:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,

Ecclesiastes 9:10:

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

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I Thessalonians 4:11:

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you.

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CONCLUSIONS

Goal of Discipleship = Be like your teacher:

“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher” (Luke 6:40)

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“Walk worthy of your calling...”

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SERVANT

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