

ESSENTIAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP



Proposal:

Consider some characteristics that identify Christian leaders and their application to job performance according to the model and teaching of Jesus.

Justification

It is not enough for the Christian leader to know the proper way to proceed. It is also necessary to know the nature of his leadership, and to have the ability to understand and keep his mission clear.

The late American journalist Walter Lippmann, in his column 'Today and Tomorrow', defined leaders as follows: Leaders are the custodians of a nation's ideals, of its shared beliefs, of its continuing hopes, of the faith that makes a nation more than just a concentration of individuals.

Mathew 20:20-28

20 Then came the mother of Zebedee's sons with her sons, and fell down before him, and asked him for something.

21 He said: What do you want? She told him: Command that these two sons of mine sit in thy kingdom, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left.

22 Then Jesus said: You do not know what you are asking. Can ye drink of the cup that I shall drink, and be baptized with the baptism wherewith I am baptized? And they said to him: We can.

23 He said: Ye shall indeed drink of my cup, and with the baptism wherewith I am baptized ye shall be baptized: but to sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but unto them for whom it is prepared by my Father.

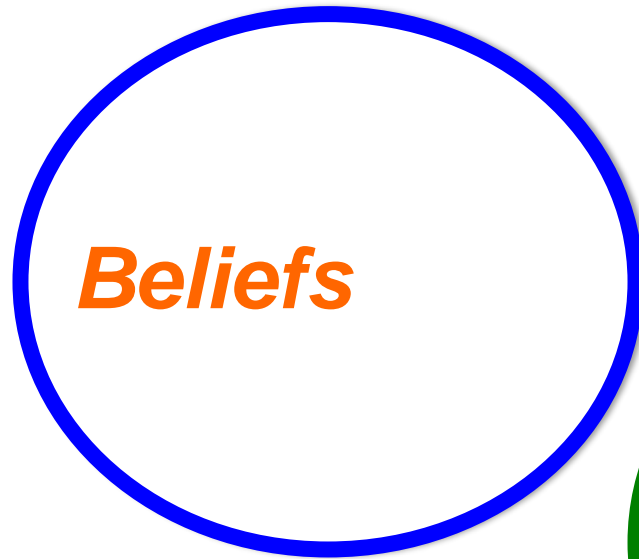
24 When the ten heard this, they were angry with the two brothers.

25 Then Jesus called them, and said: You know that the rulers of the nations lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 But it shall not be so among you; but whosoever will be great among you shall be your servant,

27 And whosoever will be first among you shall be your servant;

28 As the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.





***Characteristics
of Christian leaders***

Credibility

***Is the perception that people use
to decide whether or not to believe***

Mark 7:32-37

"And they brought one to him who was deaf and hard of speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ***Then Jesus, taking him aside from the crowd, alone, put his fingers in his ears, and spitting, touched his tongue with the spittle; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he sighed deeply and said***

Effatá!, that is: Open up! And immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus commanded them that no one should be told; but the more he commanded them, the more they proclaimed it. And they were exceedingly astonished, saying He hath done all things well; he makes even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Trust

***Allows you to enjoy healthy
personal relationships***

ECCLESIASTES 10:1

"Dead flies make the perfumer's perfume smell and stink, so a little madness to the one who is esteemed as
wise and honorable."

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Perceived utility

The way we perceive things becomes our reality

EQUATION OF THE VALUE OF THE SERVICE

	$\frac{\text{Perceived utility} + \text{Life experiences}}{\text{Perception of value}}$

4 Accessibility

“Christ took upon Himself humanity, that He might reach humanity. Divinity needed humanity; for it required both the divine and the human to bring salvation to the world.” (DOA, 294)

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening, after sunset, the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Mark 1:29-34

***Christ came to bring salvation
within the reach of all.***

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JOHN 3:16

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life".

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SERVICE:

It's a solution-based relationship

Mathew 5:16

“Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and praise the Father in heaven.”

“Our heavenly Father directs all things with wisdom and righteousness, and we should not live in discontent or distrust, but bow down in reverent submission.

He will reveal His purposes to us in so far as His knowledge is for our good, and as for the rest we should trust Him whose hand is all-powerful and whose heart is overflowing with love.

While it is true that God has given evident proofs for faith, He will never remove all excuses for unbelief. All who seek for reasons of doubt will find them. And all who refuse to accept the word of God and obey it before every objection has been set aside and no further cause for doubt is found, will never come to the light.” GC 596

PROVERBS 3:6- 9

"Never cease to be truthful and kind. Hold on to these virtues. Write them down in the depths of your heart. If you wish to have the favor of God and man and a reputation for good judgment and common sense, trust fully in the Lord, never trust yourself. In all that you do, put God in the first place and he will guide you and crown your efforts with success."

Conclusion

“The leader is then someone who understands his life as an opportunity to serve others as an expression of his service to God. The true leader is someone who, from a living connection with God, exerts a Divine influence and provokes transformation. Nehemiah ends his book with a simple but very powerful phrase

"Remember me, my God, for good."

Nehemiah 13:31