

Leadership

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LEADERS who are **God-called and Equipped** are desperately needed in the church.

1 Tim. 5:22 "*Lay hands suddenly on no man...*" **Plan your work and work your plan.**

1 Tim. 3:1 "*If a man desires the office of a bishop he desires a good work.*" Scofield -
"*To aspire to leadership is an honorable ambition.*" N.E.B.

LEADERSHIP IS NOT achieved by the **casting of ballots** or the **attendance at seminars.**

TRUE LEADERSHIP is realized through prayers and tears.

2 Tim. 1:3-4 "*...remembrance of thee in my prayers...mindful of thy tears...*"

LEADERSHIP IS a **blending** of **human** and **divine qualities.**

Mark 10:43-45 "*...whosoever shall be great among you, shall be your*

minister;...whosoever of you would be the chiefest, shall be servant of all..."

- **Leaders are both born and made.** 1 Tim. 1:12, "*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.*"
- **Leaders do not procrastinate nor vacillate.** Luke 9:62, "*No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*"
- **Leadership calls for courage.** Joshua 1:9, "*...be of good courage...be not afraid...*"
- **Leadership requires humility.** 1 Peter 5:5, "*...Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:*" Matt. 23:12, "*And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.*"
- **Leadership requires humor.** Be able to relax and defuse a tense problem before it gets to us.
- **Leadership requires patience with meekness.** Rom. 5:3; "*...tribulation worketh patience.*" 1 Tim. 5:11 "*In meekness instructing those that oppose him...*"
- **Leadership requires gentleness.** 2 Tim. 2:24 "*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men...*"
- **Leadership requires tact.** Matt. 22:17-21

DIPLOMACY – Skillful in handling tense situations. A bad situation could be made worse through the wrong choice of words.

A tact-less approach: The shoe salesperson says to a woman:

"I'm sorry madam, but your foot is too large for the shoe."

A tact-full approach: "*I'm sorry madam, but that shoe is too small for your foot.*"

- **Leadership calls for the art of inspiring others.** Luke 5:8-11 "*for he was astonished, and all that were with him...they forsook all and followed him.*"



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