



Membership † Discipleship † **Leadership**

Proverbs 29:2 *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."*

I am a leader of _____.

A person who can influence, inspire and inform others by providing wisdom and understanding to reach a particular purpose. A leader must trust in the LORD with all their heart, lean not on their own understanding; in all their ways acknowledge Him, and allow Him to direct their paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

"Balance A.C.K"

Me and My Ministry

† Proverbs 4:7 *"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding"*

God is pleased when we maintain healthy relationship with one another. The commandments are strategically written to ensure that we're well informed about how God expects us to maintain these relationships. As a leader, it's vital that you identify with your individuality so that you can effectively lead those that God has placed in your path. If you're constantly releasing what God has given you, it's necessary that you take the time to replenish what you have deposited into others. Martha and Mary's relationship with Jesus Christ illustrates what He desires in a relationship with us. *"Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."* (Lk. 10:38-42). There is so much wisdom in this story but so many of us fail to take heed to the message that is being conveyed.

It was Martha who welcomed Jesus into her home and served him. Why do you think Jesus said Mary had chosen the good part? Does Jesus command that we serve Him and serve others? A leader must have a servant's heart to lead God's people. Jesus told the disciples *"You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant....the Son of Man came **not** to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."* (Mt. 20:25-28). It appears that Martha had a heart to serve. However, Martha was distracted with much serving! Most leaders find themselves with this dilemma. In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus comforts us by saying *"**Come to Me**, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you **and learn from Me**...and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* Mary had chosen the good part because she understood that before she could disperse anything of herself, she had to allow Jesus to deposit into her Spirit. Most leaders are like Martha and medicate themselves with the work of the ministry without taking the time to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen.

† Romans 12:2 “... *be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

We often give a lot of attention to people but we're not attentive to the ministry. We need balance (stability that produces the ability to make wise decisions and rational judgments). Instead we have the Martha mindset and we begin to question Jesus “do you not care! Tell them to help!” Can you visualize her being overwhelmed with the work of ministry? Jesus called her name twice. It was probably to get her attention because He needed her to understand “*you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed*”. The one thing that is needed but often missing is the time we need to sit at Jesus feet and just listen to Him. We are supposed to serve in ministry but it should not be burdensome. That's why Jesus said “*learn from me*”. Jesus took the time to rest. He instructed His followers to do the same. He said “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” (Mk. 6:31).

There's so much work that needs to be done to build the Kingdom of God. Previously in Luke 10 when the Lord sent out the seventy, He said to them “*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few...*” (v2). When everyone is *not* serving, the few is required to do more. Matthew 6:33 assures us that if we seek the Kingdom of God first and His righteousness, all these things shall be added to us. Therefore, we don't have to worry or be troubled about anything. Trust God to do more with less. He had already proven Himself! It took Martha some time to understand the ministry of Jesus Christ. In John 11:22-27 Martha said “*But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.*” She continued to say to Him, “*Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God...*” It takes some longer to understand the ministry of Jesus than others. As leaders, we must balance our time by seeking God for direction. God spoke it and it came to be. But on the seventh day He rested from his work (Gen. 2:2-3).

Do you maintain a calendar? Do you schedule your planned assignments and stick to them? If not, please schedule some time this week to manage your time and your assignments. You manage your time by managing what's important. Make Jesus a priority!

† Psalm 119:11 “*Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.*”

Day/ Week of	Daily Reading	Which Bible verse had the most impact?
Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jeremiah 49-52	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 1-3	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Lamentations 4-5	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 1-3	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 4-6	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 7-9	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 10-12	

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