

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

"Chosen Without A Choice"

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

When God calls you forth to lead His people, He does not get permission from you or anyone else. When God calls you, He equips you with everything that you need to manifest the ministry mission. He called you for a purpose! At this point in your life, do you know why you were called to fulfill the plan of God? Where are you leading those that follow you? Are you leading them to accomplish a personal (you) plan or a purposeful (God) plan? Make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall (2 Peter 1:10). Joshua said *"Chose for yourself who you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Josh. 24:14-15). That's should be our sentiments in the house of God. All leaders must make the declaration that everyone will serve the Lord. We are instructed to obey those in authority with deep respect. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. Do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do because he has no favorites (Eph. 6:5-9).

God desires that *all* be saved and come into the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:1-4). Why does the Bible say "For many are called, but few *are* chosen" (Mt. 22:14)? Should it say "all are called and many are chosen"? In the 22nd chapter of Matthew, Jesus uses a parable to help us understand why only a few are chosen. Leaders are called to extend an invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven to others. Often times, we're not willing to accept the call. He reminds us *"I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also"* (Jn. 14:3). Some make light of it, are spiteful and continue on their way. God is so merciful towards us. Note that verse nine instructs them to go into the highways and gather all (bad and good). Leaders make major mistakes when they attempt to separate the bad from the good. We are instructed to make disciples of *all* nations (Mt. 28:19). We must allow God to do the separating. We cannot afford to continually make these mistakes. When you're chosen by God, you submit to His will and accept whom He calls. Moses was an extraordinary example of leadership. He was chosen and handpicked by God to lead God's people out of bondage and into a relationship with God. He was chosen and despite his many excuses, he did not have a choice.

† 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.*”

God called Moses to Himself by capturing his attention through a burning bush that was not consumed (Ex. 3). As a leader, you'll also face some challenges. Continue to trust God knowing that if He calls you to it, it shall not consume you. We have to be like Moses and just respond “Here I am” so that God’s perfect will can be done. Regardless of what you may face, continue to show compassion towards others. God will demonstrate compassion toward you through your willingness to lead others to Him. When you offend, it’s hard to win (Prov. 18:19). Remember God’s mercy and grace towards you and extend that same compassion to His people. How can you lead others to Christ if you’re not demonstrating Christ-like qualities? If you’re leading them to Christ, they should be able to see Christ in you. What prevents you from being compassionate towards others?

Leaders discover who they are based on the assignment that God gives them. When you’re called by God, you must be confident about who God is. When you’re chosen by God, you are confident in who God called you to be. *Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: “For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.” But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul* (Heb. 10:35-39). Don’t allow what people know about you to assassinate the leader in you. You’re leading them to Christ, not to you, just through you. Remain confident in the fact that God chose you to fulfill His will. If you are chosen, you do not have a choice.

† 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"/>	Amos 4-6	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Amos 7-9	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Obadiah	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Jonah 1-4	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Micah 1-3	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Micah 4-7	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Nahum 1-3	

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