



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

## “FIT For The Kingdom, II”

### Faith-fulness

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

As a leader you have to be faithful to the very things that you expect those who follow you to be faithful to. Having faith *and* being faithful is a necessary quality to be fit for the kingdom. Inadequacies, insecurities and instability cause certain catastrophes that cripple our current circumstances. With the economic challenges, natural disasters and man-made/ political decisions, it can be difficult to maintain faith and remain faithful. While hearsay is a not-so silent killer (character assassinations, connected associations, etc.), we often use it as a basis for our decision making. Is what you saying destructive or constructive to those you lead? We often give constructive criticism but fail to provide direction for correction. God clearly spoke to you to ensure you that they were sent to serve under your leadership. They have demonstrated faith in the mission and have been faithful to the ministry God placed in you. How could the mouth of man override the voice of God? Everyone who speaks does not always talk truth. The perception of others will cloud your vision. Motive check – don't confuse loyalty to you with faithfulness to God. Its witchcraft and it deters the plan of God. Just because someone is loyal to you does not mean that they are faithful to what God is doing through you. There's a natural perspective and there's a Spiritual expectation. Study Hebrews 3:1-5

How we see a situation will usually determine how we respond. It is imperative to gain knowledge and understanding of God's word daily because it provides light to our path. The Psalmist said "Through Your precepts (Biblical principles) I gain understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and confirmed that I will keep Your righteous judgments (commandments)" (Ps. 116:104-106). God's Word will shape how you see what's going on around you. Luke 11:34-35 says "Your eye is a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is good, your whole body is filled with light. But when it is bad, your body is filled with darkness. Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness" (NLT). God warns us to "make sure that the light we think we have is not actually darkness!" That is a very thought provoking verse!! Is the light you think you have actually darkness? Is your light dim or are you in darkness? Is it possible to be faithful to something that you don't have faith in?  Yes  No Explain:

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† 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.”

After studying Matthew 25:14-30, let's take a closer look at versus 21 and 23; *'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'* We've all experienced moments of expressing exceptional faithfulness. The scripture says “faithful over a few things.” What lessons have you learned that will benefit you as you enter into the joy of the Lord? Explore a few areas where you've demonstrated extraordinary faith/ faithfulness as the Lord makes you ruler over many:

Finances (Mal. 3:8-12) – Key verse “try Me now in this” (v3)

- Have you ever lost faith and failed to give tithes and offerings?
- What did you learn about trusting God during this difficult time?
- When the Lord says “try me now in this”, do you understand that tithes and offerings are a continual demonstration of faith towards the Lord?

Fitness (1 COR 9:27) – Key word “discipline”

- Did you know that your body is the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
- Which scriptures support your understanding?
- Why is discipline so important to fitness (mind, body and soul)?
- If you lack discipline, does that disqualify you from leading others?

Faith without work is dead. What does the testing of your faith produce?

How does God respond to you when you have been faithful to Him?

† 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"/>	Malachi 1-2	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Malachi 3-4	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 1-3	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 4-6	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 7-9	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 10-12	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Matthew 13-15	

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