

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

## "Mind Over Matter"

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

For *"who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?"* But we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). Therefore, if we have the mind of Christ, we should act Christ-like. Jeremiah 1:5 says *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."* That means we already have it because we were born with it. A spiritual birth took place before the natural birth from your mother's womb. We were born into sin because of the sin/ disobedience of mankind (Gen. 3). Don't conform to the standards of this world (Rom. 12:2) so you can maintain the mind of Christ! Let this mind be in you (Phil. 2:5) means that God placed it in you. Therefore, take on the mind of Christ concerning your life. I can do all things through Christ (Phil. 4:13) means that I've tried it and proved it to be true. Your destiny is predetermined and all you have to do is execute the plan that God has given you. *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."* (Jer. 29:11-13). So many people want to see a miracle but don't want to invest in being a miracle. God said *"Let there be light"* and there was light (Gen. 1). We have to decree *"Let there be light"* so that God can begin to give you the revelation that you need to be a light to those you lead. We want impartation from man without an intervention with God. We think that our conduct can conceal our convictions but *when the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him* (Is. 59:19). Our standards must match His standards if we're going to maintain the mind of Christ. *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His* (Rom. 8:5-9).

† 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.”

When you put your mind on what matters, circumstance and happenstance has less effect on your God-given assignments. Trial and tribulation is inevitable. *Yes, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution* (2 Tim. 3:12). 2 Corinthians 5:17 says “*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*” *If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above...set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God* (Col. 3:1-4). You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Tim. 2:3)...call those things which do not exist as though they did (Rom. 4:17). You cannot allow what you’re going through to hinder you from leading others to Christ. If they’re trying to follow Christ and your mind is not on Christ, that’s a challenge. *Can two walk together, unless they agree?* (Amos. 3:3). We must be like-minded towards one another according to Christ Jesus (Rom. 15:5). Jesus had His mind on pleasing the Father (Mt. 26:39) despite what was ahead of Him! How does Romans 6:1-14 help you maintain a Christ-like mind?

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† 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"/>	Romans 7-9	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 10-12	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Romans 13-16	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 1-3	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 4-6	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 7-9	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	1 Corinthians 10-12	

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