



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

"Parenting Perspective"

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

Leadership is a lot like parenting. This does not mean to treat those that you lead as if they were children. It simply means, using the same Biblical principles will serve as a guide to help lead more effectively. A leader must understand that 1) Every child is different. A leader must try different strategies on how to lead an individual effectively. 2) Children develop in different stages. A leader's expectation of an individual should be based on their level of Spiritual maturity. By gaining insight of their Spiritual progress, you can guide them appropriately through discipleship stages. Hannah said *"Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the LORD and remain there forever."* (1 Sam. 1:22). Hannah understood that before she presented her child publicly, she had to nurture him privately. Hannah was able to later say *"So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there.*" (1 Sam 1:28). Corporate worship may lead them to Christ but personal worship will keep them *in* Christ. Everything we do should be for God's glory!

It's imperative that you help others discover God by teaching them about God, training them to be Godly and testifying about God's goodness. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says *"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."* As faithful as you must be to teaching and training, you must also know when to release them. Manipulation and control is not effective leadership. It's a demonic influence that could destroy a connection that God has joined together for a divine purpose. When you do things for the wrong reason, you receive the wrong result. The enemy gets great pleasure from behaviors that attempt to conceal what God has called forth. Also consider the Biblical truth in Proverbs 22:6 *"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old (Spiritually mature) he will not depart from it."* Trust that they'll continue to pursue a pure personal relationship with God and maintain a servant's heart of ministry for themselves. When Mary and Joseph performed all things according to the law of the Lord, Jesus grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him (Lk. 2:39-40). Don't ever be too insecure to release. It brings a parent great joy to witness the manifestation of their impartation. You'll never witness the fullness of what God created them to do if you never release them to do it. Trust the plan of God!

† 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.”

Testimonials are essential for providing Biblical examples that produce self-awareness. Your personal experiences serve as a resource for what God expects and the consequences that follow when you behave in a way that’s unacceptable. Give them room to grow, but the endurance to not stray. Your testimonies are beneficial for the journey. Just as you have to know when to release them, you must also ensure that you don’t push them beyond their Spiritual growth. You can’t be afraid to allow them to explore their own path. God made them unique. You guide them to God but don’t guard them from God. There shall come a time when they have to seek His presence without you being present. As Samuel grew, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground (1 Sam. 3:19). Words are powerful! Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit (Prov. 18:21). Commit to speaking what is written in God’s Word so you’ll always speak truth and produce fruit.

Imagine a parent’s agony over a missing child. Your heart goes out to them because it’s really the unimaginable. Amber Alerts, rescue teams and news coverage would all serve as a resource to help unite the child with the parents. If a parent has five children and loses one, the hurt is still the same. Likewise, if a soul is lost in the Kingdom, the body of Christ suffers. Jesus shared a parable in Matthew 18:10-14 to help us understand the value of one. *“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.”* Just as you don’t have to be a parent to hurt over a lost child, neither do you have to be a titled leader to hurt over a lost soul. It’s our reasonable service to lead others to Christ. Therefore, we have a responsibility to go after the lost. Not one shall perish!

† 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"/>	1 Corinthians 13-16	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 1-3	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 4-6	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 7-9	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Corinthians 10-13	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Galatians 1-3	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Galatians 4-6	

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