

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"

Accountable & Committed to the Kingdom

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

As a leader, you have been awarded the awesome opportunity to guide others in the direction that God has given you. It's an assignment that no leader should take lightly. It comes with great responsibility. When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required (Lk. 12:48). When you live a life with balance and boundaries, you're more likely to take responsibility for your thoughts and behavior. God's instructions are often symbolic to a roadmap. So let's look at the means in which we travel to get a visual. Do you understand how important it is for all four wheels on a car to be balanced? What happens when one of the tires go flat? Your spare tire would be God's favor, mercy and grace. Although God's mercy is new each morning (Lam. 3:22-23) and His grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9), does he require us to get routine check-ups? On another note, if you're driving according to the plan of God and someone else is trying to use all lanes causing destruction to the plan, your ministry suffers tremendously. The Bible does say "Whatever your hands find to do, do it (Ecc. 9:10a) for in all things, God should be glorified" (1 Pet. 4:11). God is not glorified in destructive behaviors. Maintain balance so that you can *effectively* accomplish what God called you to do. Most leaders learn this through trial and error because we fail to delegate appropriately. Likewise, if we didn't balance our bank accounts, would we receive a notice of insufficiency? The Bible says "Examine yourselves, do what is honorable and always operate in truth" (2 Cor. 13:5-8).

It's really disheartening when leaders focus more on the title than the purpose. You are positioned for a greater purpose that supersedes your title. So many leaders are honored to hold the title but not accountable to do the work. We must be doers of the Word, not hearers only (Jam. 1:21-23). God wants us to maintain balance because He does not want any area of your life lacking. We often lose sight of what's important because we work, work, work and think we're pleasing God. However, several scriptures confirm this to be deception. For an example, if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (1 Tim. 5:8). If a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church? (1 Tim. 3:5). Leaders should make sure that their ministry areas maintain order. Is your household in order? Have you taken responsibility for those that God have entrusted to you inside and outside of the church? Are you taking lead on projects and programs but not leading anyone to Christ? Your ministry should ensure that those you're leading are developing a closer relationship with God. It's your ultimate responsibility as a leader!

† 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.*”

Whether you're responsible for leading a large team on a mission trip or planning your family's vacation, use the same level of care, concern and compassion. Leading in church does not make a person closer to God than those who lead in their homes or on their secular jobs. God commands us all to exemplify accountability. Nor does it make accountability easier. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak (Mt. 26:41). As long as we're in this fleshly body, we're going to wrestle with spiritual accountability. When accountability is absent it's inconsiderate and promotes an inconvenience for the mission minded members and inconsistencies that delay the desired outcome. Our goal is to please him. We must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done (2 Cor. 5:9b-10).

Think outcome! What are the desired results? What can you do as a leader to influence others to accomplish above average results? Do you find yourself shifting blame to the team or do you take ownership if the goal is not achieved? How do you monitor mistakes so that they'll serve as lessons learned? If you are called by God, you are fully equipped with all you need to carry out the vision. The prophet Amos said "God called me as I followed and told me to speak to His people" (Amos 7:15). Accountability should always be God-centered. When giving an account to others we must ensure that we don't fall prey to manipulation, abuse or any other dominating tactics for personal gain. Each of us will give a personal account to God. "Let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall" (Rom. 14:12-13). King David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) but his personal life lacked accountability. He tried to cover up his short-comings (2 Sam. 11) but God will hold His leaders accountable for their actions (2 Sam. 12:1-25). Please be accountable! Learn from the life of David. Someone else may have to pay the price for your actions. *Leadership 101

For everything comes from God, exists by his power and is intended for his glory (Rom. 11:36)!

† 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"/>	Ezekiel 13-15	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 16-18	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 19-21	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 22-24	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 25-27	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 28-30	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 31-33	

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