

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"*

The Apostle Paul said "The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others." (2 Tim. 2:2). Paul was a very intelligent God-fearing man who was committed to establishing order in the church so that members of the faith would learn to serve in a leadership capacity. Paul was committed to teaching others to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. What are you committed to? Are you committed to the cause or to the cure? When you're committed to the cause, people can rely on you to get the job done. When you're committed to the cure, people are delivered, set-free, Holy Ghost filled and prepared to share the gospel to both believers and unbelievers. Being committed to the cause is good, but being committed to the cure is great. We're advancing beyond average. Why settle for being good when you were destined to be great (Jn. 14:12-14). Practice these principles and prepare the people for purpose. If you're truly committed, you understand that it's not about you and your commitment remains consistent.

Have you ever invested countless hours pouring into someone but you never get to witness the outpouring of any fruit from them? Many leaders are faced with this challenge. It can get overwhelming when you're committed to someone's spiritual growth and it appears that it was a bad investment. That's why it's important to think with the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5). What may appear to be a bad investment to you, can serve as increase for God. Remember, one plant, one water, **but God** gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:5-7). If you don't maintain balance in your life, you'll get frustrated. If you're the one assigned to planting the seed, commit to that. If you're the one assigned to watering (nurturing and cultivating) the seed, commit to that. You can't do it all if God did not call you to do it all. A lot of leaders start out faithful and committed but when they don't get the expected results *they* want, they become inconsistent. Could your investment be interfering with God's increase? Read Romans 12:3-8

† 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.*”

Commitment is the action step between what we say and what we do. Moses warned the leaders “If a man makes a vow to the LORD...he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.” (Num. 30:1-2). We hear the voice of the Lord and we say “Here I *am* Lord! Send me.” Then the enemy blinds us with indecisiveness. A commitment catastrophe is a thought or action that hinders progression (Is. 55:8). The “A” list is designed to bring awareness to your level of commitment.

Assumptions: Are you providing adequate information that cancels out confusion? We have to remain integral about what’s written in God’s word. Sometimes the facts get foggy because it’s based on hearsay and personal opinion. When you lead based on assumptions and not truth, trust is lost. Don’t assume, ask! Your consistent transparency provides transformation and liberation for those who follow you. Read John 7:24

Assessments: Every leader must take self and team assessments periodically to be assured that they’re making wise decisions based on acquired knowledge of God’s word. You should be properly prepared for the next level. “If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail.” – H. MacKay. Read Hebrews 10:35-39

Ambition: Are you open to the creativity of others? Are you easily offended by creative ideas and suggestions? What happens when the one you’re leading has greater aspiration for the mission? Read Hebrews 10:24-25

Acknowledgment: Are you a leader that’s committed to the purpose but not connected to the people? What methods of motivation do you practice to empower your team? Do you show them that you value their input to the outcome? Allow God to use who He chose. In the end, the Lord gets the credit! Ephesians 6:5-9

“Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:9-10).

† 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 34-36	
Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 37-40	
Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 41-44	
Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Ezekiel 45-48	
Friday <input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel 1-3	
Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel 4-6	
Sunday <input type="checkbox"/>	Daniel 7-9	

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