

# CF588 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

## INTRODUCTION

Christian leaders deal with weighty matters involving the lives of God's people. To float a heavy object, we must have something underneath to sustain it. A brick will float if it is resting on a board. So it is with leadership. The "board" is our personal integrity and humility before God and man. We can float a lot of weight on that. Without it, we are sunk.

People learn quickly if our integrity has a sell-out price. Without this principal virtue, our leadership is crippled. With it, other elements fall naturally into line.

Christian leadership is fundamentally simple if we remember these central truths. The quality of our personal walk with God has more to do with leadership than managerial techniques.

The world's paradigms constantly shift. Christ modeled only one leadership paradigm which has never changed: Integrity, a disposition to embrace suffering, treating others with respect as God's image and dealing with our fellow ministers as equals along with a servant attitude.

It is dangerous for Christian organizations to emulate the world's organizational structures and mind set. Most become authoritarian hierarchies which are the antithesis of Christian leadership. Such structures bring out the worst in us: Arrogance, authoritarianism, jealousy and incompetence. To mitigate the damage, the world must invent a plethora of managerial techniques to get by.

Good communication between leaders and their subordinates is a key to success. Followers need to feel they are valued as persons and can express their views without fear of reprisal.

A leader must have "vision." A vision is an attainable goal of great importance involving intense commitment. Without this, a person may be a manager, but not a leader. Likewise, a leader must be able to do realistic planning, with intermediate goals. Without planning he is merely a visionary.

Finally, a leader needs to keep in mind that God's call gives him privileges and authority to do his job even though he is a servant. As with other aspects of Christian living, he lives in paradox. He is a slave with authority, a servant who directs. He attributes his accomplishments to Christ and views his greatest honor in terms of bringing glory to Him alone. God's word is sufficient for training in effective Christian leadership.

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