

Biblical (or Spiritual) Leadership

Qualities of a Leader

What does God say a leader is like and what qualities will make others follow him or her

God's Criteria for Leadership

1. Called to Lead (God's sufficiency)

We can learn some lessons about the process of being called to lead by thinking through the call of Moses (Exodus 3), one of God's most successful leaders.

- (v. 5-6) God revealed himself to Moses
- (v. 7) God revealed his burden (for Israel) to Moses
- (v. 8-10) God revealed his plan to Moses
- (v. 11) Moses objects on the grounds that he was not qualified.
- (v. 12) God revealed his presence to Moses
- (v. 13-14) God revealed his sufficiency to Moses

2. Jesus; Teaching on "The Principle of Servanthood"

Here are some principles about servant leadership drawn from the teaching and life of Christ:

- (Phil. 2:6-11) There is sovereignty (humility) in spiritual leadership
- (1 Pet. 2:21) There is suffering in spiritual leadership
- (Mark 10:45) Jesus is talking about the spirit of servanthood.

3. The example of Jesus: A Servant Heart

(Isaiah 42:1-4) Christ relied on the Holy Spirit just like we do. He did nothing under his own power.

4. The example of Jesus; A Sensitive Spirit

(Mark 8:1-3) A Leader must be sensitive to the needs of people and compassionate (patience) in his dealings with them
(1 Thess. 5:14) We must deal with people according to their individual characteristics.

5. The example of Solomon

(1 Kings 3:7-12) Solomon asked for wisdom (discernment) to distinguish right from wrong. The Lord was pleased.

KINDS OF LEADERSHIP

AUTOCRATIC

DEMOCRATIC

LAISSEZ-FAIRE

RESULTS OF EACH TYPE OF LEADERSHIP

1. Efficient
2. Organized
3. Rigid procedures
4. Security
5. Fast achievement
6. Few errors
7. Info and ideas confined to leader

1. Unity
2. Mutual respect
3. Individual ideas encouraged
4. Time-consuming
5. Few complaints
6. High satisfaction

1. Lack of organization
2. Least productive
3. Independent thinking
4. Tuned out/ frustration
5. No follow through
6. Individuality
7. More group activity

Good for short notice events

Good for long range planning

Good when delegating to someone you trust

