

BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

(Heb 13:7-8) Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

(Heb 13:17) Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Apostle Paul's Example as a Leader

1. The leader will have a servant's heart to build the Kingdom of God by serving the body of Christ.
2. He will have the heart of a shepherd to feed and protect the flock of God.
3. He will also have the heart of a father to correct, warn, and discipline the church in order to keep the family of God pure and righteous.

The apostle Paul maintained the authority over the churches he birthed having a heart to serve, not to be served. He fed them, fathered them, and did not smother them with control. God puts His rod of authority in the hands of His servants. Therefore, they must understand the awesome responsibility given to them. The scripture Hebrews 13:17 states, our leaders "watch for our souls." The word "watch" means to often stay up all night out of concern for those souls.

The true, loving leader will lead these souls into the fullness of God by releasing them, not stifling them. He desires to see them surpass him in every area of their lives, never feeling inferior or jealous.

A Father in the Faith:

- ★ Knows how to persuade rather than push.
- ★ Will guide, not drive the children.
- ★ Desires to heal the brokenhearted. He walks in the Spirit of Almighty God, rising above the circumstances, not fixing blame, condemning, or judging anyone unrighteously.
- ★ Is actively involved in the work, sharing in the labor with his charges and not just partaking of the fruit.
- ★ Promotes family love and unity, rather than roles and rules. Rules without relationship produce rebellion.
- ★ Will lovingly discipline to not produce rebellious children.

The God ordained leader will lovingly display his character and authority in Jesus Christ as a servant in relationships. The people surrounding him will respect, appreciate, and submit to the leader whose attitude is sincere and trustworthy with the

people God has given him. Paul, like a drill instructor, never required his disciples to do anything that he hadn't done or wasn't willing to do with his disciples.

A true father nurtures his children. The children should appreciate his love, correction, and discipline. Most often, children soon realize that a good father has their best interests at heart, therefore their hearts are open to receive from him.

Teaching and Training

(Mat. 28:18-20) And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

(Prov. 22:6) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Just as a natural father teaches and trains his children, so does a spiritual father. A leader gives his charges hands-on experience in a safe environment.

Webster defines **Teach**:

a: to cause to know something <taught them a trade> **b:** to cause to know how <is teaching me to drive> **c:** to accustom to some action or attitude <teach students to think for themselves> **d:** to cause to know the disagreeable consequences of some action <I'll teach you to com home late>

2: to guide the studies of

3: to impart the knowledge of <teach algebra>

4a: to instruct by precept, example, or experience **b:** to make known and accepted <experience teaches us our limitations>

5: to conduct instruction regularly in

Train:

To direct the growth of (a plant) usually by bending, pruning, and tying

a: to form by instruction, discipline, or drill **b:** to teach so as to make fit, qualified, or proficient

c: to make prepared (as by exercise) for a test of skill

To undergo instruction, discipline, or drill

Strong's says,

Teach 3100 matheteuo { math-ayt-yoo'-o }

From 3101; TDNT - 4:461, 552; v AV - teach, instruct, be disciple, GK - 3411

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To be a disciple of one, to follow his precepts and instruction, to make a disciple, to teach, instruct.

Train 2596 chanak {khaw-nak”} a primitive root; TWOT - 663; v AV- dedicate 4, train up 1; 5 GK - 2852 {Jn”};

To train, dedicate inaugurate, to train, train up, to dedicate

How Apostle Paul Demonstrated these Godly Character Traits:

(2 Thess. 3:4) And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

(2 Thess. 3:6) Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

(2 Thess. 3:10) For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

(1 Tim. 4:11) These things command and teach.

The word “command” in the Greek translates to mean mandate, order, or command, a common military term. We see that God’s chosen leadership is granted servant authority over the lives of their disciples. Therefore, it is profitable that these disciples choose to willingly submit to this God ordained order in their lives. At a time when the true church sees herself as the army of God she, also, must acknowledge the authority of his appointed and ordained leaders. Good drill instructors love their soldiers. They will rigorously train them to survive and be victorious in battle.

(2 Tim. 1:11) Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

(1 Tim. 2:7) Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

The Disciples' Responsibility

(Eph. 4:11-13) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we cheerfully submit to God-ordained leadership, then God is able to bring us to maturity and perfection in the fullness of Christ. Only through His faithful ministers can God accomplish these things in our lives. We will read the word, pray, spend time with Jesus, and be accountable to Godly leadership.

(Eph. 4:14-16) That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

The disciple will only reap the fullness of God's blessings as he is diligently walking in love by the Spirit of God, hearing and heeding his voice, and obeying the commandments of God. Therefore, the disciple who is walking in the pattern ordained by God will have the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19), the fullness of Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:13) by the fullness of the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:55). And by operating in the fullness of God the glorious church (Eph. 5:27) will arise in power, love, and victory.

(Col. 1:18-22) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

(Deu. 28:1-2) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

We are commanded by scripture to not put our trust in man. By following God's commandment we will not be tripped up by fallible men.

(Jer. 17:5-7) Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

(Jer. 9:4-5) Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.

And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

We are, however to entrust our hearts to those who are godly and worthy of double honor in Christ Jesus.

(1 Tim. 5:17) Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

(1 Pet. 5:5) Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.