

Finding Your Place: Leadership

Romans 12:5-6,8 (NIV) so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (6) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (8) If a man's gift... is leadership, let him govern diligently; ...

1. Good leaders are developed through good relationships

Matthew 4:19 (NIV) Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

John 15:1-2,5 NIV "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. (2) He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful (5) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Titus 2:7 (NIV) In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

2. Leadership is a direct result of and an act of love

John 21:15-17 (NIV) When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, ""Feed my lambs." (16) Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." (17) The third time he said to him, ""Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, ""Feed my sheep".

3. Leaders are passionate for their work, empowered by the Holy Spirit

Romans 12:8 (GW) "lead enthusiastically"

1 Timothy 6:11-12 (NIV) But you, man of God,... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. (12) Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called...

Acts 4:8-13 (NIV) Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! (9) If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, (10) then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. (11) He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone". (12) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." (13) When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.