



Eight Characteristics of Godly Leadership





#1

Recognizes the Value In Other People, and Continually Invests In Others

Godly leaders see a large part of their role as developing other leaders. Leadership development takes place in our churches when good leaders begin to share their experiences, good and bad, with others.



2 Timothy 2:2

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also”.



#2

Has Good Character

There are no perfect people, but for a leader to be considered good, they must have a character that is unquestioned within the church. Leadership always draws criticism from someone, so a leader may not be able to get everyone to believe in him or her, but the people who know the leader best should trust the leader's character.



Titus 2:7

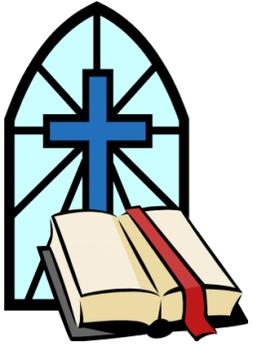
“In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned”...



#3

Is Skillful And Competent

Godly leaders can be depended on for their professionalism and follow-through. They exemplify "A Spirit of Excellence". You don't question whether a good leader is going to be able to complete a task. If they don't know how to do something, they will find someone who does, but they will ensure that a job is done and done with excellence.



2 Timothy 1:7

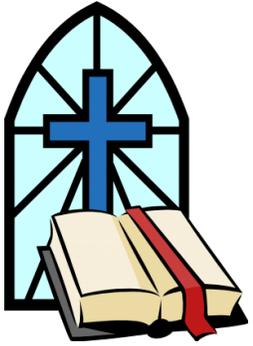
“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”



#4

Not Afraid For Others To Succeed

Godly leaders realize that some followers will outgrow their own ability to develop them any further. Good leaders, however, aren't threatened by another's success. They are willing to celebrate as those around them succeed.



Romans 12:10

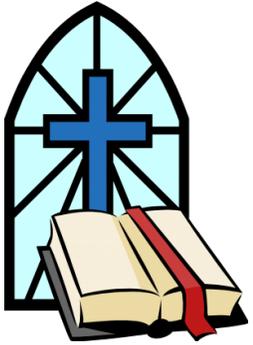
“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; ”



#5

Serves Others Expecting Nothing In Return

Godly leaders have a heart of service. They truly love and value people and want to help others for the cause of Christ, the good of the one being helped and not for personal gain.



Philippians 2:3

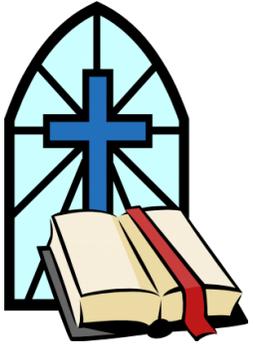
“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves”.



#6

Continues To Learn

Good Christian leaders are always learning and implementing those learnings into the betterment of the church. That could be through reading, conferences, Web-based learnings or through other leaders, but also through people who report to the leader.



2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



#7

Remains Accessible, Approachable And Accountable To Others

Godly leaders don't isolate themselves from people regardless of the amount of responsibility or authority he or she attains. Christ-like leaders willingly seek the input of other people into their professional and personal lives.



Mark 10:44

“And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all”.



#8

Is Visionary: Thinks For The Church Beyond Today

Godly leaders are always thinking beyond today. "What's next?" is a common question asked by good leaders, knowing that someone must continually encourage change, growth and strategic thinking for an organization to remain healthy.



2 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the LORD God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How would you help someone who struggles in the area of communication?

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2. What are some ways you can recognize the value of someone else and help them to build on becoming a better leader?

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3. Does a good leader need to know every aspect of their job in order to be successful?

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4. Can you work isolated from everyone else and still be a good and effective leader?

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5. Is change a necessary component of leadership?