

Lesson Notes:

Keys to Faithful Leadership

While the ability to lead is a gift from God the Bible lists principles that must be followed to be a “Christ-like” leader. Following is a discussion of those principles:

Scriptural Principles

1) King David in Psalm 15 lists 10 characteristics of a good leader. They are as follows:

- 1) They lead Blameless Lives**
- 2) They Speak Truth from a Sincere Heart**
- 3) They refuse to slander others**
- 4) They refuse to harm neighbors**
- 5) They refuse to speak evil**
- 6) They despise consistent sinning**
- 7) They honor faithful followers and the Lord**
- 8) They keep their Promises**
- 9) They don't charge interest for money lent**
- 10) They refuse bribes or to testify against the innocent.**

2) Christ tells us that we are to lead through service in Mark 10:41-45. - In John 13:1 Christ washes the feet of his disciples as a picture of leadership through service.

3) In Romans 12:4-8 Paul talks about the various gifts that each of us are given and he indicates that Leadership is a gift from God. To be a leader you must serve God. - Examples include Joshua in **Joshua 24:15** when he tells the children of Israel who had rebelled against God that “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”. By contrast in **1 Samuel 15:24** Saul blames the children of Israel for his disobedience.

4) Paul tells us in Galatians 5:24-26 to follow Christ's lead when we are leading people.

5) Good leaders lead by example. - In Eph 4:1-2 Paul tells us that God has called us to lead by example. In **1 Timothy 6:11-15** Paul urges us to be a “living sacrifice” to others.

6) In 1 Peter 5:1-10 Peter lists the Characteristics of a Church leader as:

- a) Realize you are caring for God's flock.**
- b) Lead out of eagerness to serve, not out of obligation**
- c) Be concerned with what you can give not get.**
- d) Lead by example**