

Building a Great Church Involves Great Leadership

(Building a Great Church Series – Lesson #4)

The Importance of Leadership	Qualities of a Leader	The Quest for Biblical Leadership
<p><i>“Where there is no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”</i> (Proverbs 11:14, NKJV)</p> <p>What is Leadership?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership is the act of guiding someone or something. ▪ Leadership is not born but made. ▪ “A leader is a dealer in hope.” – <i>Napoleon Bonaparte</i> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Just because a person is known as a leader does not make them a leader.*</i></p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>The Importance of Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Without leadership there is no guidance. (<i>a scene of chaos</i>) ▪ Without leadership the work toward the vision will not be sufficient. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ <i>See Matthew 15:14</i> ▪ Without leadership the purpose will be forgotten due to the insufficiency of the vision. ▪ Without leadership the motivating factor will cease. ▪ Poor leadership will tear down, hinder and destroy. ▪ “A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.” – <i>Rosalyn Cater</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A leader knows the vision and leads others there. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Paul’s vision was shared with Timothy. (2 Timothy 4:1ff) ▫ Leadership cannot be practiced in isolation. ▪ A leader knows the purpose and leads others in the purpose. ▪ A leader knows the followers and leads the followers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ A leader does not drive the follower but lead them. ▫ Joshua was a follower before he was a leader. (Exodus 24:13) ▪ A leader sympathizes with the followers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Joshua was a lead willing to serve. (Joshua 5:13-15) ▫ The Chief Shepherd can sympathize. (1 Peter 5:4) ▪ A leader will be true and straight. <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Leadership is the courage to admit mistakes, the vision to welcome change, the enthusiasm to motivate others, and the confidence to stay out of step when everyone else is marching to the wrong tune.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>–E.M. Estes</i></p> <hr style="width: 80%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p>Personal Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What do you seek in a leader? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Bible gives guidelines to the leaders in the church. ▪ These leaders are known as elders, shepherds, overseers. ▪ The Greek words used for the leaders are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ “presbuteros,” meaning “older” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>See Acts 14:23; 20:17</i> ▫ “episkopos,” meaning “one who oversees, takes care of” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>See Acts 20:17, 28</i> ▫ “poimen,” meaning “shepherd” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>See Ephesians 4:11</i> <p>Qualities of Biblical Leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The shepherds must know the sheep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ They must know if the sheep are sheep because some may be wolves appearing as sheep. (Matthew 7:15-20) ▪ The shepherds must be willing to deal with wolves and error. (Acts 20:28-31) ▪ The shepherds must lead the sheep. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Leading involves acting toward the vision and the purpose with the followers. (1 Peter 5:1-4) <p>Congregational Question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are you training and building leaders to lead the church tomorrow?

