Leadership is a choice not a rank

GREAT LEADERS:



KNOW HOW TO SERVE FAITHFULLY WITH EXCELLENCE

Leading with their actions, great leaders don't just use their words. Rather, they serve alongside people to the end, working as if unto the Lord.

Consider: Luke 16:10; 19:11-26; 1 Corinthians 3:8-10; 2 Samuel 11



ARE MOTIVATED BY COMPASSION

Not eager for awards, great leaders see their current position/influence as an opportunity to help those who struggle and are willing to identify with them, even if it means to suffer with them.

Consider: Luke 17:7-10; 2 Kings 2:1-9



SUBMIT AND SEEK THE LORD'S WILL FOR THE NEXT STEP FORWARD

Great leaders don't advance themselves, but only what God has put in their hearts. They invite people into the work by sharing the biblically-based vision God grants.

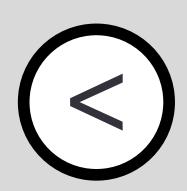
Consider: Proverbs 16:9; Romans 12:1-3



ARE HUMBLE YET INSPIRATIONAL

Great leaders don't flaunt their authority. Rather, they figure out how to best put the God-given gifts and talents of the people they lead toward moving the work forward.

Consider: Philippians 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 1 Corinthians 12; Exodus 18:13-27



ARE NOT ENTITLED

Great leaders don't see their leadership positions as license to accept everything the status entitles them to because, like Paul, they understand that not everything that is permissible is beneficial. Rather, they are always thinking about how their choices will impact their people.

Consider: 1 Corinthians 10:23; Romans 15:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5



THINK GENERATIONALLY

Understanding that the work is God's not theirs, great leaders faithfully carry out what God has entrusted to their care. They don't cling to their positions of leadership, but rather step aside when their time comes.

Consider: John 13:1-3; Philippians 1:21-24