



Christ-Centered Leadership

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Introduction: There are several “ships” of the Christian faith. Today we will focus on three of them, starting with “leadership.” We are living in uncertain times. How do people view the leadership of our country? What about leadership in our homes? What about church leadership? We need Christ-centered leadership in every one of those areas! Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. God Cultivates Leaders

A. Old Testament Leaders

1. Family Leaders (**Numbers 2:3, Joshua 9:15, I Kings 8:1**)
2. Government Leaders (**Judges, I-II Samuel, I-II Kings 14:7**)
3. Military Leaders (**Judges 11:6, Isaiah 3:6**)
4. Worship Leaders (**Nehemiah 11:17, Leviticus 16**)
5. Spiritual Leader (**Joshua 24:31, Nehemiah 4:16**)

B. New Testament Leaders

1. Family Leaders (**Ephesians 5:21-6:4, I Timothy 5:1-16**)
2. Government Leaders (**Romans 13:1-7, Hebrews 13:7, I Peter 2:17**)
3. Worship Leaders (**I Corinthians 14, Ephesians 4:1-16, II Timothy 4:1-2**)
4. Spiritual Leader (**Acts 20:17, I Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5**)
5. Ministry Leaders (**I Timothy 3:8-13, Philippians 1:1**)

II. Jesus Compels Leaders

- A. Social Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)
- B. Moral Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)
- C. Mental Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)
- D. Personal Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)
- E. Communal Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)
- F. Developmental Qualities (**I Timothy 3:1-13, Acts 6:1-7**)

III. The Holy Spirit Calls Leaders

- A. High Calling (**Philippians 3:13-14, Acts 2:36-39**)
- B. Holy Calling (**II Timothy 1:8-9, Romans 8:28**)
- C. Heavenly Calling (**Hebrews 3:1, II Timothy 1:11**)
- D. Hopeful Calling (**Ephesians 1:17-18, 4:4, Jeremiah 29:11**)

IV. Christ’s Church Craves Leaders

- A. Leaders That Serve (**Mark 10:42-44, Luke 19:10**)
- B. Leaders That Equip (**Ephesians 4:11-12, Hebrews 13:21**)
- C. Leaders That Teach (**Titus 2:7, II Timothy 2:15**)
- D. Leaders That Minister (**II Timothy 4:1-5, II Corinthians 3:6**)
- E. Leaders That Shepherd (**I Peter 5:1-5, I Timothy 3:1-7**)
- F. Leaders That Work (**I Timothy 3:8-13, Colossians 3:23**)

Conclusion: This is one “ship” that must not be neglected or ignored. We desperately need Christ-centered leadership today! Will you encourage our leaders? Are you willing to lead? Are you willing to serve? We need to put Christ in the center of everything we do!