

## Leadership

Exodus 32:30-35

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1. What is leadership?
2. What are some Biblical examples of leadership?
3. What are the characteristics of leadership?

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### What Is Leadership?

- A verb meaning to lead, to guide, usually in the right direction or on the proper path. (The Complete Word Study Dictionary)
- **“Leadership”** is the characteristic of one who provides **“guidance,”** who **“goes before,”** who **“shows the way,”** and who **“gives direction.”**

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### ➤ Biblical Examples Of Leadership.

- Moses. Exodus 3; cf. Numbers 12:3
- Joshua. Joshua 1:1ff; 3:8; 24:31
- Nehemiah. Nehemiah 1:11
- Paul. cf. Galatians 1

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### ➤ Biblical Examples Of Leadership.

- Jesus. Acts 1:1 *“The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach.”*
- Note the order:
  - *“To do”* – Jesus SHOWED his disciples how to live.
  - *“To teach”* – Jesus TAUGHT them how to live.

## Leadership

### Jesus demonstrated and taught leadership.

- **Leaders are shepherds. John 10:1-14**
  - Shepherds care about and sacrifice their energies for the sheep. (verse 11)
  - Shepherds lead, feed, and protect the sheep. (verses 9,11-13)
  - Shepherds know the sheep. (verse 14)
  - Sheep know and follow their shepherds. (verses 3-5)

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- **Leaders are servants. John 13:4-16**
  - They are not above performing the most lowly of tasks. (verse 14)
  - They are examples. (verse 15)
  - Great leaders will be followed (verses 15b, 17).
- Jesus taught that true greatness means service. (Matthew 20:16-28)

## Leadership

Jesus demonstrated and taught leadership what true leadership IS NOT.

- **Leaders of Israel failed. Matthew 23:1-25**
  - All talk and no action. (verses 2-4, 14)
  - Unconcerned about the people. (verses 13, 15-24)
  - Self serving. (verses 2, 5-12, 25)

## Characteristics Of Leadership

- **Great leaders develop.**
  - Moses. Exodus 3
  - Joshua. Exodus 17:9-14
  - Nehemiah. Nehemiah 1:1
  - Paul. Acts 9, 22, 26

## Characteristics Of Leadership

- **Great leaders pray. cf. James 1:5**
  - Nehemiah 1:11; 2:4
- **Great leaders must “reprove, rebuke and exhort ...” 2 Timothy 4:2ff; cf. Revelation 3:19**
  - Moses. Exodus 32:15-20; cf. Leviticus 10:1-3
  - Nehemiah. Nehemiah 13
  - Paul. The book of Galatians

## Characteristics Of Leadership

- **Great leaders are faithful to God’s word. Acts 20:26-32**
- **Great leaders are mentors.**
  - Moses.
  - Nehemiah. 4:6
  - Paul. 2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 4:9

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- **Great leaders plan for the future.**
  - Moses. Deuteronomy 6:6ff; Exodus 12:24ff
  - Joshua. Joshua 4:20ff; 24:15, 31
- **Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” KJV**

## Jesus Is Our Example. 1 Peter 2:21

- He left the glory of heaven. Philippians 2:5-8
- He prayed. Luke 9:28; 5:16; 6:12; John 17
- He rebuked. Matthew 23
- He was faithful to God's word. Matthew 26:42; John 17:6
- He was a mentor. Matthew 4:19; John 17
- He planned for the future. John 14:28; 16:7, 13
  - Matthew 28:19-20