

Kings - a lasting learning listening leadership

Leadership is biblical.

Jethro's advice. David's temple. Jewish Kings. Jeremiah rejection. Builder Nehemiah. Daniel Babylon.

The public want leaders with a high standard. King David's final words before listing the mighty men.

The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: "When one rules over people in **righteousness**, when he rules in the **fear** of God, he is like **the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain the brings grass from the earth.**" 2 Samuel 23:3-4 NIVUK

<https://bible.com/bible/113/2sa.23.3-4.NIVUK>

The creation - we can mirror in our leadership!

Good leadership looks good! Not because we are trying to primarily please people. It is beautiful. Why? It mirrors the heart of the Father.

Radiant and glorious is Jesus in his Fathers glory. When God said 'let there be light' he was leading into the future!

Leaders don't get everything right. Mostly it doesn't matter how difficult a leadership issue there is - it's *how* you work through *always* with your team.

If you are on a mountain top relationally or circumstancy it is probably for a valley.

The spiritual gift of leadership has eternal consequences: Jesus mission - growing people in Christ likeness - Changing character, behaviour and actions.

What is our style of leadership? Its very deliberate, not random. It comes from God's heart.

Directive not Demanding. Empowering and Encouraging. Supportive not Subscriptive. Non-imposing. More Staff than Rod. Helping people make decisions. We ask people to follow Jesus and scripture.

Rarely intervene into people's lives. Develop people with strong convictions praying their own prayers and reading their own bible.

We recommend... try these options.. we want to protect... from bad decisions and choices.. like a good boss.. parent.

We want to sort out challenges in church life as quickly as possible. The bible talks about bitter roots in relationships.

When people are new we want to know any unresolved issues that arise. Nalin and myself are at the front and back gates. We experience the best and worst of church life! Plus unexpected life challenges do arise.

How are we organised over five teams?

We have our core, staff (paid/ trainees), trustees (legal/ finance/cp) & wider (overseeing practicalities) & ministry teams & leaders (various teams).

Our dream is to make Jesus known - build multiple teams to achieve that?

(1) Bible, Prayer & Spirit-Filled

(2) Growing Character/ Example

(3) Long term legacy / Training - within body

(4) Teams/ Synergy/ Life Balance Strength & Weaknesses.

To lead by example we must hear and follow.

As Jesus was **walking** beside the Sea of Galilee, he **saw** (knew, understood) two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **'Come, follow me,'** Jesus said, **'and I will send you out** (make, habitally) to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20 NIVUK

<https://bible.com/bible/113/mat.4.18-20.NIVUK>

Call of Abraham was to raise a family in God's ways.

Impress (intensively) them on your children. **Talk** about them when you **sit** at home (with family) and when you **walk** along the road (course of life), when you **lie** down and when you **get** up. Deuteronomy 6:7 NIVUK Moses

<https://bible.com/bible/113/deu.6.7.NIVUK>

Jesus: 1) Led Himself. 2) Father Focused. 3) Raised leaders.

Everything else flows and grows from that point!

1) Caring Heart:

Old Testament prophets were told to search for people.

As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock... Ezekiel 34:8 NIVUK

Our prayer for lives:

May God himself, the God of peace (rest), sanctify you through and through (absolutely perfect). May your whole spirit (inheritance, perfectly sound), soul and body be kept blameless (guarded) at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 NIVUK

<https://bible.com/bible/113/1th.5.23.NIVUK>

Leading by example is the hardest most important part.

The moment you point something out in someone's else's life how soon it points back at you.

Living by example strengthens character and vision.

We can end up saying one thing and doing another. That doesn't work as people follow what you *do* more than what you *say*. We need to *become* the message not just *speak* the message.

Leading by example is leadership success!

2) Being Alongside

We should lead with humility, non judgement, merciful.

Getting alongside others out of relationship and trust.

God wants to speak to you through some else. The gentlest reply can be received as the gentlest rebuke.

...even as I **try to please everyone** in every way. For I am not seeking my **own good** but the **good of many**, so that they may be saved. Follow my **example**, as I follow the **example** of Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1 NIV

Join together in following my **example**, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, **keep your eyes on those who live as we do**. Philippians 3:17 NIV

3) Giving Ourselves

Follow God's **example**, therefore, as **dearly** loved children ² and **walk** in the way of love, just as Christ **loved** us and **gave himself** (yield, surrender) up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV

4) Ageless Examples

Don't let anyone look **down** (think against, despise) on you **because** you are young (youthfulness, newness), but set an **example** for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 NIV - Paul speaking to Timothy.

5) Serving Willingly

Witness of sufferings and the glory ahead...

Be shepherds (feed, protect) of God's flock that is under your care, **watching** (looking diligently) over them—not because you **must**, but because you are **willing**, as God wants you to be; not pursuing **dishonest** gain, but eager to **serve**; ³ **not lording** it over (control, dominion) those entrusted to you, but being **examples** to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown** of glory that will **never fade** away. 1 Peter 5:2-4 NIV

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Questions to ponder and for small groups...

1. How can I grow in leading my own life?
2. How can I be much more Father focused?
3. How can I strengthen others around me?