

The Pastor as Leader

It has been said that one of the greatest deficits with in the Christian Church is the pastor's ability to lead. Leadership is the ability to garner and sustain a following -- a following of people. It's different from "management;" it's different from "administration;" and it's even different from "shepherding." And the pastor must be a leader. This talk will focus on the pastor as a leader and help him/her lead strongly in whatever ministry he/she has been called to.

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Psalm 78:72; Romans 12:8

*"Leadership is the ability to **effect and sustain a following**; it's the ability to **influence the direction of others**."*

A. Spiritual Maturity: heart for God, knowledge of Scripture, mature walk

B. Character: integrity, honesty, moral uprightness

C. Relationality: ability to relate to others (personal charisma)

D. Pastoral Heart

E. Passion and Purpose

F. Understanding and use of spiritual gifts

G. “Hard” Skills: including but not limited to...

1. ...ability to build and lead a *team*.
2. ...ability to craft and cast a cogent *vision*.
3. ...ability to hone a *strategy* and implement it.
4. ...ability to make wise and right *decisions*.
5. ...ability to *leverage* one’s leadership through *multiple ranks*.