



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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Learning to Lead - Part 3

Aim: This series is aimed at young leaders starting out in leadership

10 Lessons for those just learning to lead

1. Leaders have learnt to see themselves as leaders
2. Leaders feel fear but have learnt to face fear

3. Leaders have learnt what leadership REALLY IS

The definitions of leadership are many:

Maxwell *"Leadership is influence. Nothing more, nothing less"*

"Leadership is intentionality. Living on purpose and inspiring others to do the same"

"Leadership is uniting people around a common vision"

BOTTOM LINE: Great leaders get great things done by bringing out the greatness in others

So if that's the case, what is leadership REALLY?

What does the Bible say? Three things that leadership REALLY IS

1. Leadership is Christ followership

In the Kingdom of God the starting lint of leadership is a commitment to be a close follower of Jesus

- The closer you follow Jesus, the more people will follow you

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

That was the secret to Paul's leadership

- He was a passionate and committed follower of Jesus

Mark 1:17 (NIV)

17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Biblical leadership is rooted in a vision of Jesus

- The closer you follow Jesus the more people will follow you
- Disciples are leaders
- In the Kingdom of God, leadership is close followership of Jesus

2. Leadership is example

People follow examples - so as a leader you have to set that example

- Can't lead people into being a people of prayer if you are not a person of prayer!

Hebrews 13:7 (NIV)

7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

In other words - ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS!

This is why the lifestyle of the leader is so important in the Kingdom

- Our character should inspire respect
- Our faith should inspire courage
- Our faithfulness should inspire tenacity

3. **Leadership is going first**

John 10:4 (NIV)

4 When he [the good shepherd] has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

Leaders are called to go on ahead

- Setting the direction
- Setting the pace
- Setting the example

Judges 5:2 (NIV)

2 “When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves—praise the LORD!

Leaders go first but eat last.

- Arrive first but park furthest away
- Volunteer first to serve
- Offer an opinion first if nobody else is
- Ask the first question
- Suggest the first idea
- Be the first to test if it works!
- Be the first to greet someone new

YOUR TURN...

1. How do you define what a leader is?
2. Of these three descriptions of what leadership is:
 - Leadership is Christ followership
 - Leadership is example
 - Leadership is going first

Which of them are you most challenged to grow in?

3. Choose a leader in your life right now - one that you admire. Evaluate them according to this list and see why you admire their leadership.