

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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## THE LEADERSHIP STYLE OF JAMES: **He lead with Action**

### The Leadership style of James

(Notes are available to download. Encourage you to use this as a tool with your leadership team. Please consider sharing with other leaders to help them grow)

**INTRODUCTION:** These are the Leadership styles of James.

1. He led with HUMILITY
2. He led with COURAGE
3. He led with TRUTH
4. **He led with ACTION**

**James was an action man.**

Listen to how the Apostle Paul greets the saints in Philippi:

**Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)**<sup>3</sup> *I thank my God every time I remember you.*<sup>4</sup> *In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy*<sup>5</sup> *because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,*<sup>6</sup> *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Now listen to how James greets the saints: "Greetings"

**That's it. Then straight into the action. Man of action not words.**

*Here is an example from his letter:*

**James 2:16-17 (NIV)** <sup>16</sup> *If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?* <sup>17</sup> *In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

**The leadership of James is characterised by ACTION.**

- He taught that real faith is measured by action
- And any claim to faith without action is DEAD.
- His whole letter to the saints is full of ACTION - practical living

**BIG IDEA: LEADERS ARE NOT CALLED TO BE TALKERS BUT DOERS**

**Eg.** My wife has taught me this over the years

- I'm a planner and ponderer
- I would love everything to be perfectly planned out and thought through and then act
- She is the opposite - she is just start something

**And yes some leaders might need to take a moment and learn to at least pray for they launch into something**

- but for many like me, we need to be more action orientated
- Less talk. Less dreaming and scheming and more ACTION.

**Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> *Whoever watches the wind will not plant; whoever looks at the clouds will not reap.*

**If you are always waiting for the perfect conditions**

- Perfect time
- Perfectly clear word from God
- Perfect economy
- Perfect people
- You will achieve nothing!

**Eg.** Church building - the economy had just dipped, many folk had been retrenched, we didn't have even a tenth of the money

- But we felt that God had spoken and so we just launched
- Real faith demands action and action results in more faith

**Sometimes we hold back and sound wise when our procrastination is in fact rooted in FEAR of LAZINESS**

**Genesis 26:1-3 (NIV)**<sup>1</sup> *Now there was a famine in the land—besides the previous famine in Abraham's time—and Isaac went to Abimelek king of the Philistines in Gerar.*<sup>2</sup> *The LORD appeared to Isaac and said, “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land where I tell you to live.*<sup>3</sup> *Stay in this land for a while, and I will be with you and will bless you. For to you and your descendants I will give all these lands and will confirm the oath I swore to your father Abraham.*

**Genesis 26:12 (NIV)**<sup>12</sup> *Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him.*

**There was a famine in the land - wisdom would dictate to wait for the first rains**

- But God had spoken and so Isaac jumped into action

### **Challenge:**

John Maxwell story: “Do it now!” fifty times before getting out of bed!

**BIG IDEA: Leaders are men and woman of ACTION**

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Are you the type of person who is generally too impulsive or too cautious?
2. What did you take from this lesson that you need to add to your leadership?
3. What have you been putting off because the “timing is not right” but may actually just be fear or laziness?

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