

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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**Thinking about leadership  
Identifying wrong thoughts about  
leadership that hold up our growth .**

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***Dudley Daniel “Leading the Church” 1989***

***Chapter 1 - Biblical Leadership***

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***Leadership is one of the most misunderstood offices and ministries in the Word and the Church.***

***Before we can develop a better biblical understanding of leadership it is important to recognise wrong thinking***

## **4 Wrong Ways of thinking about Leadership**

### **1. Some people think it means “Dictatorship” – lording it over the people.**

**1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV)**<sup>2</sup> *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching 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;<sup>3</sup> not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*

*This is when we think of the leader being “at the top”*

*He uses his position or title for CONTROL*

*Examples of this:*

- *Threats*
- *Control*
- *Aggression*

- *Lots of rules*
- *It is my way or the highway*

2. *Others think it means “Promotion” for them and therefore grasp at it.*

**James 3:1 (NIV)**<sup>1</sup> *Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*

*This is about personal glory and wanting to appear successful or better than others*

*These people are always trying to take the credit and appear successful*

- *they are not motivated by love for Gods and his people but by personal ambition*

3. *Others think it means being the servant of the people and therefore never rule.*

**Romans 1:1 (NIV)**<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—

**1 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV)**<sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task.

*The leaders primary job is to serve the Lord*

- *As servants of the Lord we do serve people*
- *But we never put serving people above serving God*

*Example:*

- *Moses always put serving God above serving people - and there were times when he had to discipline the people*
- *Aaron put serving the people above serving God - so when they asked for an idol to worship he made them the golden calf*

**4. Others think leadership is about being 'Mr. Nice Guy' and thereby undermine and weaken true biblical leadership.**

*This flows from their own sense of insecurity and desire to be accepted*

- *Their desire is to be liked*
- *And so they just want to keep people happy and never challenge or rebuke them*

**Proverbs 29:25 (NIV)**<sup>25</sup> *Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.*

**John 12:42-43 (NIV)**<sup>42</sup> *Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue;*<sup>43</sup> *for they loved human praise more than praise from God.*

*There will be times when it is not popular to be a leader.*

- *We cannot be a true biblical leader if we just want to please people*

**2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)**<sup>2</sup> *Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.*

*There are times of correcting and rebuking*

- *This might not be popular*
- *And so biblical leaders need to be secure in God*

### **QUESTION:**

*Can you identify in yourself any of these wrong thinkings as a leader?*

*Before we can grow as a true a biblical Leader we first have to recognise what might be holding us back in our thinking*

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