

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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Thinking like a Leader: Moses

Why is Leadership so important

## Thinking about Leadership

*(Dudley Daniel "Leading the Church" 1989, Chapter 1 - Biblical Leadership)*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD LEADERSHIP

#### 1. God always uses people (human beings) to maintain what He does

God's three main 'channels' are His **Spirit**, His **Word** and His **Man**.

This takes place consistently throughout His Word.

*Genesis 1:26 (NIV)<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they*

*may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*

A great Christian leader has said: “*The Spirit **prepared**, the Word **produced**, and the man **preserved**. God did not bring order out of chaos without a man to maintain order. Adam was given authority over everything, he was the leader of all that God formed here on earth.”*

God always channels the working and operation of His Spirit through people.

John Maxwell “*Everything rises and falls on leadership*”

**Two examples of this:**

*Isaiah 59:21 (NIV)*<sup>21</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My **Spirit**, who is on **you**, will not depart from you, and my **words** that I

*have put in **your mouth will always be on your lips**, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD.*

*John 20:21-22 (NIV)<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus **said**, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, **I am sending you.**”<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the **Holy Spirit.***

We often underplay the importance that God places upon human instrumentality.

Humans are those who represent His work and kingdom here on earth.

Without an ambassador He has no agent to work through.

*2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)<sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his*

*appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

## **2. People need leadership.**

They are sheep and need to be led.

Maybe not glamorous but biblical!

*John 10:3-4 (NIV) <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.*

Without leadership they cannot function together in order (as a united group) they revert back to 'Chaos'.

*Zechariah 13:7b (NIV) “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered”*

That is why, if you will not lead, they will make their own leader.

### **3. Leaders is so important because God is unfolding his plans**

So leaders must unlearn, re-learn and then teach their people to do the same

We have 'models' that are very often no longer valid or useful.

They may have worked in the past, but God has “moved the church on” and revealed more of His purposes and 'ways'.

Eg. Acts 11:19 - even though the Holy Spirit clearly showed that the Gospel was for all mankind, the tradition was still to preach only to Jews.

It is more difficult to unlearn an old tradition than learn something new

Those that made the change saw the hand of the Lord. Those that couldn't unlearn the patterns of the past and learn what God was doing missed out

## **CHALLENGE:**

Leadership is critical because:

1. God uses leaders as a channel to work His purposes
2. People need leadership to work in unity and order
3. God is unfolding his plans and so leaders need to 'keep up' and keep learning

## QUESTION:

Of these three reasons why leadership is so important, which ones stand out most to you?

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