

# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP

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Thinking like a Leader:

10 Questions to ask yourself as a leader

Part 2

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

### ARE YOU A RULER?

*Num.27:16 "...appoint a man **over** this community..."*

*1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV) "The elders who **direct** the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."*

*1 Thessalonians 5:12 (NIV) "Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who **admonish** you."*

These are the words of a ruler - one who knows how to rule and exercise Godly government

While we do not advocate dictatorships, we equally reject democracy.

**Take note of how Paul was instructing Timothy to deal with the rich folk**

*1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NIV) in the church:<sup>17</sup> **Command** those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

*<sup>18</sup>**Command** them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.*

**So it is clear that biblical leaders need to know how to rule but to do it in a godly way.**

# HOW DO LEADERS RULE IN A GODLY WAY?

## 1. In order to exercise authority you must be under authority

Jesus was under the authority of the Father:

*John 5:30 (NIV)<sup>30</sup> By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.*

*John 5:19 (NIV)<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.*

*Matthew 26:39 (NIV)<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”*

A BIBLICAL LEADER SHOULD NEVER BE RULING  
OVER OTHERS IF HE IS NOT UNDER THE  
RULERSHIP OF GOD

## **2. You must not be afraid to exercise your authority**

*1 Thess. 5:12c "... and who **admonishes** you ..."*

*2 Tim. 4:2 "... **correct, rebuke and encourage** ..."*

You never 'keep the peace' by letting things slide – it only gets worse.

A BIBLICAL LEADER DOES NOT LET FEAR KEEP  
THEM FROM EXERCISING GODLY GOVERNMENT

## **3. Ruling demands commanding from time to time**

*Isaiah 55:4 (NIV)<sup>4</sup> See, I have made him a witness to the peoples,*

*a ruler and commander of the peoples.*

When God says something through a leader it is more than a suggestion—it is a command.

Moses commanded—Deut. 33:4

Jesus commanded—Matt. 14:19; 28:20

Paul commanded—2 Thess. 3:4,6; 1 Thess. 4:11

Peter commanded—Acts 10:48

A BIBLICAL LEADER KNOWS WHEN TO SUGGEST  
AND WHEN TO COMMAND

#### **4. God expects obedience**

*Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)<sup>17</sup> Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.*

God's leaders are not to be commanded, but to command.

We cannot get the sheep's permission to do things (committees etc) but it is wise to get their perspective.

A BIBLICAL LEADER SHOULD EXPECT  
OBEDIENCE FROM THE PEOPLE THEY LEAD

## **PERSONAL:**

As an introvert and reluctant leader this is a challenging question for me!

I prefer encouraging and coaching to commanding. What has helped me is to know and be assured that what I am saying is a God word. When I know something is in the Word of God and have prayed about the timing then it is easier to speak with the authority of God.

The aspect of not letting things slide is the greatest challenge. When boundaries start to slide and you

begin to tolerate what is sinful then the time for commanding has arrived. Great leaders don't back down!

## CHALLENGE:

Are you a ruler?

Maybe like me, this is an area of leadership that you need to grow in. Where are you seeing boundaries slip that need some rulership?

*Next week's question: Are you an example?*

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