

SOME OF MY PERSONAL PERSPECTIVES OF LEADERSHIP.

The mystique of leadership is born in a person and cannot be gained simply by education or training.

We must accept God's sovereign choice even if sometimes it perplexes us.

Function and prominence may vary but we all have the same worth.

e.g. Peter and John "What about this man? What is that to you? Follow Me!" John 21:21,22.

We are rewarded for faithfulness and obedience to what God has given us to do. Not by the perceived importance of what we do. Only God can evaluate and judge correctly 1Cor.4:2-5.

Leadership in the carnal state can lead many as well as the leader into error and destruction. e.g. Peter kept going back to fishing and leading many others with him. Luke 5:1-11; John 21:2,3.

Training harnesses the leadership potential and teaches it how to function and develops the gift.

Character development makes the leader, his gift and his followers safe from blowing up. If he blows up or falls many others who follow are wounded and broken in the fall.

Almost all leaders are called to serve another leader all their lives. Only a few have headship.

All leaders need to know how to be under authority before they can be trusted with authority. Luke 7:1-10.

There is a big difference between a King spirit and a true Shepherd anointing though both have authority. The former uses people and exploits them, the latter develops and emancipates them by fathering them. The true Shepherd lays his life down for the sheep, especially when he sees the wolf coming.

In the Kingdom, the style and the goals of leadership are totally opposite to the world.

- i) Leaders serve they do not lord. 1 Pet.5:3
- ii) Leaders are not patronizing benefactors. Luke 22:24-30.
- iii) Ambition or money cannot be the motivation 1Pet.5:1-5.
- iv) People do not serve us by force. They must give us authority voluntarily to do this effectively. We serve them even as leaders. Phil.2:5,19-22.
- v) The goal is not to use others but to develop them to their maximum potential. A great leader
is someone who has produced great sons who in their turn become great leaders.
Eph.4:11,12.

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