

Follow the Leader

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...

☐ **Satan wants to use what we don't know about leadership to destroy us.**

Seven Things We Need to Know About Leadership

1. Everyone leads someone.

Philippians 2:4

Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

2. Leadership is influence.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

3. You can lead others down the wrong path easier than the right path.

Matthew 7:13-14

Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. 14 But the gate to life is very narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it.

4. We will be held accountable for our leadership.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your spiritual leaders and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

Matthew 18:6

"If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea."

5. Leadership is about serving, not being served.

Matthew 23:11-12

The greatest among you must be a servant. 12 But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Isaiah 14:13-14

You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

6. Good leadership begins with leading oneself well.

Luke 6:42

"How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

Practical Steps to Leading Yourself Well:

Read good books.

Surround yourself with the right people.

Set goals and work toward them.

Serve others.

Focus on being righteous over being right.

Leverage your strengths; work on your weaknesses.

7. The best leaders are good followers.

1 Peter 2:21

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

Matthew 26:58

But Peter followed along at a distance and came to the courtyard of the high priest's palace. He went in and sat down with the guards to see what was going to happen.

□ We will never lead others as we were meant to until we follow Jesus as we were meant to.