

Becoming a Leader of Character

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- Leadership Principle 1:** A leader should be living an exemplary life that is obvious to both Christians and non-Christians.
- Leadership Principle 2:** A leader should be morally pure, maintaining God's standard of righteousness.
- Leadership Principle 3:** A leader should walk by faith, demonstrate hope and manifest true biblical love in all relationships.
- Leadership Principle 4:** A leader should be wise, discerning and experienced; the kind of Christian who reflects true humility and is disciplined by God's grace to live a godly life and to be a person of prayer.
- Leadership principle 5:** A leader should live a well-ordered life that make the gospel attractive to unbelievers.
- Leadership principle 6:** A leader should be unselfish and generous, willing to open their home for ministry and to share earthly blessings with both Christians and non-Christians.
- Leadership Principle 7:** A leader should be able to communicate in non-argumentative, non-defensive, and non-threatening ways – demonstrating gentleness, patience and teachability without compromising the message of the Word of God.
- Leadership Principle 8:** A leader should not be in bondage to any craving of the flesh; further more, that person should carefully consider the way his or her freedom in Christ might lead others to sin.
- Leadership Principle 9:** A leader should be able to control angry feelings, never expressing these feelings in hurtful ways nor allowing them to linger indefinitely.
- Leadership Principle 10:** A leader should be able to demonstrate strong convictions and directness in taking a stand for righteousness, but also balance these attitudes and actions with a loving spirit.
- Leadership Principle 11:** A leader does not relate to others by using a style of communication that makes others feel controlled, manipulated and defensive.
- Leadership Principle 12:** A leader should be a generous Christian, giving regularly, systematically, proportionally and joyfully to the Lord's work.
- Leadership Principle 13:** A leader who is also a parent should have a good relationship with his or her children, giving proper direction to the family unit.
- Leadership Principle 14:** A leader is travelling in the right direction!