

What is a Leader?

I. A leader leads with willingness and desire

"Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task." 1 Timothy 3:1

II. A leader leads people with controlled emotions

1. Temperate

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 1 Tim. 3:2

He's not easily deceived, not carried away by every wind of doctrine Ephesians 4:14

2. Sensible - 1 Timothy 3:2

Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. Titus 1:8

3. Disciplined - Titus 1:8

Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control. Proverbs 25:28

III. A leader leads people with gentleness

1. Not violent

not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 1 Tim. 3:3

2. Not quarrelsome - 1 Timothy 3:3

It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel. Proverbs 20:3

3. Not quick-tempered

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Titus 1:7

An angry man stirs up dissension, and a hot-tempered one commits many sins. Proverbs 29:22

4. Not overbearing - Titus 1:7

5. Gentle - 1 Timothy 3:3

IV. A leader leads with a respected lifestyle, both inside and outside of the church

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3. Respectable - 1 Timothy 3:2

Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, [10] and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive. Titus 2:9-10

4. Hospitable

Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. Titus 1:8

5. Upright - Titus 1:8

6. Good reputation with outsiders

He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. 1 Tim. 3:7

V. A Leader leads with a growing spiritual lifestyle

1. Not a new convert

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

2. Holy

Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. Titus 1:8

3. Holding fast to sound doctrine

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

4. Able to teach