

## Qualities of Multidimensional Leaders III

"Leadership must items."

*NKJ Titus 1:5* For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— <sup>6</sup> if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. <sup>7</sup> For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, <sup>8</sup> but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, <sup>9</sup> **holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.**

*Mess Titus 1:9* and **have a good grip on the Message**, knowing how to **use the truth to either spur people on in knowledge or stop them in their tracks if they oppose it.**

We are called to lead in the absence of the primary leader.

We are called to lead in the absence of the secondary leader.

Leadership credibility is essential for leadership connection and success.

Leadership credibility is essential in ministry space, the marketplace, and public space.

Calling + Character = Credibility

Leaders must avoid the "must not" *Vs 7*

Leaders must hold to and practice the "must items" *Vs 8*

**I**

Leaders' truth must not only be credible, and practice must include items; leaders must be reliable men and women of the word.

A leader must be a conservator of the truth.

**NKJV 2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast** the pattern of sound words which **you have heard from me**, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

**NIV 2 Timothy 1:13 What you heard from me**, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Leaders must understand the truth.

Leaders must have a **stable** understanding of spiritual things.

Leaders must **guard** the truth.

A leader must hold fast to the truth.

Invest in the truth.

**NKJV Proverbs 23:23 Buy the truth, and do not sell it**, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.

**Mess Proverbs 23:23 Buy truth—don't sell it** for love or money; buy wisdom, education, and insight.

- Leaders can develop the ability to communicate spiritual things.

## **II**

There is a twofold use of the sound doctrine in Titus.

The truth is the source of encouragement to the people of God. **Vs 9b**

- Leaders, through sound doctrine, put courage in people to move forward.

## **III**

Second, leaders must stand firm to counter those who contradict the truth.

Titus faced many false teachings.

*NKJV Titus 1:10* For there are **many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers**, especially those of the circumcision, <sup>11</sup> whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, **for the sake of dishonest gain**.

Leaders had to be ready to stand against false teachings while promoting "sound doctrine," or healthy teachings, to those under their care.

Standing for truth! Cares for the Lord's people!

Standing firm requires both a solid offense and defense in communicating God's truth.

- The leader's offense will encourage God's people.
- The leader's defense will protect God's people from end-time deception.

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