

Jesus, Our Model for Leadership

God created you and I for leadership (Genesis 1:26)

To avoid burnout, leaders must build a team and delegate responsibility to trusted and trained followers (Exodus 18)

To glorify God, leaders must lead with character (Daniel 6)

Because leaders will not be in our positions forever, we must develop the next generation of leaders through mentoring (Acts 16).

Before releasing us into the area of our calling, God prepares us through a process called the making of a leader (1st Samuel 16)

To be the effective leader that God has called us to be, we must lead like Jesus.

I. Jesus modeled the importance of prayer in a leader's life.

Consider *Mark 1:35*, *Luke 6:12-15*, and *Matthew 26:39*

II. Jesus modeled how leaders are to have compassion for those who are in need.

Matthew 9:36 (NIV) says, *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."*

Matthew 9:36 (TLB) says, *"And what pity he felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd."*

III. Jesus modeled the importance of leaders doing self-care.

Mark 6:30-31 (NIV) says, *"The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'"*

IV. Jesus modeled how leaders are to see the potential in every person, regardless of their past or their present behavior.

Luke 19:5-7 (NLT) says, *"When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. 'Zacchaeus!' he said. 'Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.'"* ⁶ *Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. 'He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,' they grumbled.*

V. Jesus modeled how leaders are to feed their followers.

Consider *John 6:1-14* and *John 6:26*

VI. Jesus modeled how leaders are to effectively deal with people who betray us.

Consider *Matthew 21:1-11*, *Matthew 27:11-26*, and *Luke 23:24*

VII. Jesus modeled how leaders are to be committed and see things through to the end.

John 19:28-30 says, *“After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!”²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.”*