

Jesus, Our Model for Leadership III

Moses is a model for how leaders are to build teams to avoid burnout (Exodus 18).

Daniel is a model to encourage leaders to lead with character (Daniel 6).

Paul is a model for how to develop the next generation of leaders through mentoring. (Acts 16).

David is a model that shows us God's process for the making of a leader. (1st Samuel 16 – 2nd Samuel 5).

Barnabas is a model of being an encouraging leader.

However, Jesus is the only perfect model for leadership.

I. Jesus modeled that God can raise up leaders from imperfect backgrounds.

Matthew 1:1 (NIV) says, *“This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham.”*

II. Jesus modeled that leaders must continue to grow while on their leadership journey.

Luke 2:52 (NIV) says, *“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.”*

III. Jesus modeled that every leader will be tested but can still be an overcomer.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV) says, *“Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, to be tempted there by Satan.”*

IV. Jesus modeled how leaders are to leverage the skills and abilities of their followers.

Luke 5:10 (NLT) says, *“His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!”*

V. Jesus modeled that leaders are to be salt and light in the world.

Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV) says, *“You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

VI. Jesus modeled that leaders are to be good stewards over the resources God has provided to us.

Consider *Matthew 25:14-28*