

## **“Spiritual Growth for Spiritual Leaders”**

Leadership in ministry should be handled with respect, but it should not be handled covertly or behind closed doors. Sacredness of service is not to be confused with secrecy. Leadership should be transparent, open and aboveboard, with several qualities that give it distinction. Note the following:

1. The foundation of leadership is character – not professional skill.  
(Romans 5:3-4)
2. The nature of leadership is service – not being served. (Mark 10:45)
3. The motive for leadership is love – not power. (John 13:13-17)
4. The measure of leadership is sacrifice – not success. (Romans 12:1-2)
5. The authority of leadership is submission – not pulling rank.  
(Ephesians 5:21)
6. The purpose of leadership is to glorify God – not to glorify ourselves.  
(1 Corinthians 10:31)
7. The tools of leadership are prayer and Scripture – not a marketing handbook and an ingratiating manner. (Ephesians 6:17-19)
8. The privilege of leadership is growth – which may be more in depth rather than in great numbers. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
9. The power of leadership is the Holy Spirit – not programs.  
(Ephesians 4:30; 5:18)
10. The model for leadership is Jesus Christ – not a corporation or a man.  
(1 Corinthians 11:1)

Our primary purpose in all we do in leadership should be to glorify God. It is only right that this should be our goal, for God is the one:

Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,  
Who gives breath to the people on it,  
And spirit to those who walk in it. (Isaiah 42:5)