

Leadership

- ❖ The importance of good leadership
“Everything rises and falls on leadership.” John C. Maxwell

The principle of Leadership is God’s idea

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ^{Rom 13}

Leadership within the church

- ❖ The ability to lead well is a gift
We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy (... serving, teaching encouraging...) if it is to lead, do it diligently; ^{Rom 12:6-8}
- ❖ Good leadership is God’s way of providing:
 - Care
 - Provision
 - Protection
 - Direction
 - Unity
 - Prosperity and blessing
- ❖ Leaders have faults and make many mistakes
(You all have plenty of examples!)
- ❖ A healthy attitude towards Church leaders
 - Not unquestioning blind obedience
 - ‘No accountability’ is unhealthy for those in leadership
 - ‘No accountability’ is not good for the church
 - Not complaining or opposing
 - Aaron and Miriam despised and murmured against Moses ^(Num 12)
 - Shimei, the descendant of Saul who cursed King David ^(1Kings 2)
 - Elisha and 42 disrespectful youths ^(2Kings 2)
 - But Loving support with Healthy accountability
 - Pray for those in leadership

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ² for kings and all those in

authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ^{2Tim 2:1}

Every Christian is to be a “leader”

“Leadership is influence” - John Maxwell

❖ Lead by the example of how we live

^{1Pet 2:12} *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

❖ Lead by our Godly character

^{John 13:34} *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

❖ Lead by Lead initiatives for social change

- William Wilberforce

❖ Leading within our families

- Husbands and Fathers
- Wives and Mothers

❖ Lead in our relationships

❖ Lead others to Jesus

- The example of Andrew