

Leadership through the Eyes of a Minister

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I have had the privilege to co-manage a successful family business and serve on pastoral staffs in three different churches. There are those who may question if either of these is a privilege. Most churches operate completely or partially on volunteer help. When you are training volunteer leaders you have to be conscious of their personal time. They are volunteers and more than likely have full-time jobs. Not to mention their schedules may already be packed out for their children and personal lives. This can create problems sometimes with churches that do not have money for a full-time staff.

Help us grow!

The basis of all leadership examples is the family. The best way to add to the growth of a family or organization is to grow personally. With this in mind, when families grow churches will grow. Employees will cooperate with businesses to produce better working environments. This in turn will positively impact profits for greater salaries and benefits. When individuals grow the reciprocal effect will be families and organizations growing. Growth promotes growth!

What about me?

This is a question asked by many. Let me start with myself. I have been in business since 1979 and in ministry since 1982. Responsibilities have been overwhelming at times. However, while trusting God with decisions to make, circumstances to face, individuals to manage, or change to apply to self, my comfort has been, He will help you through. It starts with self! Take care of what is needed in this area and the reciprocal effect will transfer down line to all you influence.

I am an advocate of prayer and fasting which has really helped me gain control over my propensities. To fulfill responsibilities, manage people and please God at the same time, you have to initiate extremes. Fasting has been a great discipline to help me accomplish this. Have I reached the level beyond anyone else? Definitely not! However, I realize I would not be where I am today if it were not for the leading of the Holy Spirit in those things that helped and continues to mold me. This knowledge from experience is as refreshing as the continuous flow of a mountain stream.

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