

BIBLICAL MODELS OF LEADERSHIP BY DERRICK HARRISON

OLD TESTAMENT MODELS

1. **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:** Patriarchal leadership, headship in the context of family.
2. **Moses:** the founder and leader of the nation of Israel. The “Lawgiver.”
3. **Joshua:** the second leader of Israel. Military leadership.
4. **Judges** over Israel- deliverers and governors.
6. **Priest** leadership: **Aaron, Eli, Samuel, Ezra.**
7. **King** leadership: **Saul, David** and **Solomon** etc;
8. **Prophet** leadership: **Elijah, Elisha** (“Major” and “Minor” prophets, and **Daniel**).
9. **Nehemiah:** non-professional leader (**Joseph** and **Daniel** were Governors for Kings of non-Jewish governments). There were 3 keys to their success: character, calling and gifts.

NEW TESTAMENT MODELS

1. **Jesus** as a model leader- Jesus trains leaders, and He teaches about leadership.
2. **Peter** and **John**- apostles of Jesus.
3. **Paul** as a leader- Paul’s teaching on leadership (eldership/ apostolic ministry).
4. **Eldership**- the Biblical model of leadership in the N.T. church.

We will look at two great leaders in the OT (Moses and David), and in the NT we will look at the leadership of Jesus, and His teaching on leadership. We will also look at the apostle Paul and his teaching on leadership.

We will identify the **(1) key events** in their life and ministry, and see what **(2) character qualities** are evident to us. We will also seek to identify the **(3) gifts** (natural/spiritual) and **skills** that are apparent in the leader as he faces the challenges each new chapter in his leadership. We may use this method to evaluate each leader we have chosen.

All God’s children are chosen and called to be with Jesus and to follow and to serve Him. The Lord gives to each one the gift of the Holy Spirit for Christian character and for service. We also receive spiritual gifts to enable us to fulfill God’s purpose in our lives. We are not all called to be leaders or pastors, evangelists or

teachers- but why not ask God for His highest will to be accomplished in our lives? We are all part of Christ's body, the church, and we all have a special place in that body. At some point in the life of the church we all lead. When we pray, testify, function in a spiritual gift or teach- at that point we are leading the church! REMEMBER NO ONE PERSON HAS ALL THE GIFTS NECESSARY TO RUN THE CHURCH.

We have a sense of destiny- a sense that God has called us for a special purpose at this particular time. We are unique, and we each have a unique place in God's great purposes. When you look at these Bible characters that we have studied, they do not fit into a mould. Each one of us is unique in our personality, in the gifts that God has given to us, and in the people God has called us to minister to and to serve. The Lord bless you as you devote yourself to Him, to Scripture, to His church and to the need of mankind for salvation. Preach the gospel where Christ has not been named!

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