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The Essential Biblical Qualities for Trustworthy Leaders

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The essential biblical qualities of trustworthy leaders

A Christian leader takes the people of God, and others,
on the *mission* of God the Father
at the *direction* of God the Son
in the *power* of God the Spirit.



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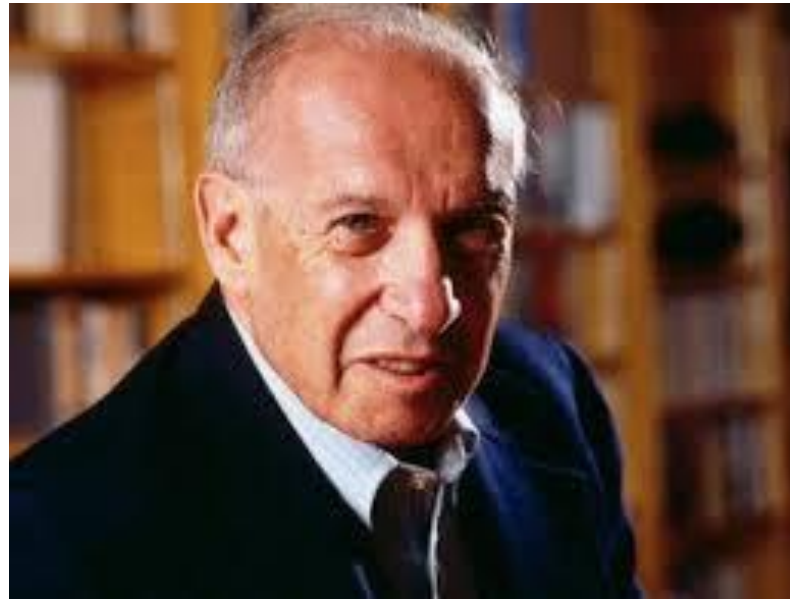
So Christian leaders are primarily followers of Jesus.



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‘Leadership is an achievement of trust.’



Peter Drucker



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How are we to foster trustworthiness?



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The Bible has a great deal to say on that;
And the focus is on character.



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Developing leaders is about Christian character formation.



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Bible has a great deal to say about character. Summary:

Love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

(Gal 5:22,23)



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Need the Holy Spirit's power.



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Love:

Like Jesus: wash the feet of others (John 13:14; 15:13).

I.e. love as service.



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Love:

This involves listening and praying (privately, quietly...).

Managing people can be discipling them.



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Joy:

There can be joy lives even in great difficulty.

Rejoice! (Eph 5:20)



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Joy:

It helps people maintain a positive outlook.



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Peace:

Our leadership is under Christ's leadership.

He has authority over all. (Matt 28:18)



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Peace:

It helps us to be a 'non-anxious presence'.



(Edwin H Friedman)



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Peace:

Need to seek the Lord's guidance at every point.



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Patience:

Giving time to others and self.

This is an aspect of love (1 Cor 13:4).



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Patience:

It takes time to build trust.



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Kindness:

Giving good gifts, like our Father does (Matt 7:11).



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Kindness:

This can take courage.



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Goodness:

Call to a holy life - often linked to generosity.



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Goodness:

About sanctification that follows from justification.



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Faithfulness:

About steady faith in God, and
faithfulness to others.



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Faithfulness:

A leader must do what s/he promises.

(James Kouzes, left
Barry Posner, right)





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Gentleness:

Exercising power without being overbearing. (Matt 20:25)



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Gentleness:

Humility is what Christ demonstrates. (2 Cor 10:1)



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Self-control:

Allowing the Spirit to bring our will into alignment with God's will for our lives.



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Self-control:

It is a call to self-discipline and to follow-through.



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Conclusion:

Character is not formed in a day or even in a lifetime.



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Conclusion:

Trust takes a long time to build, but very little time to lose.

- One lie, act of fraud, or inappropriate relationship...



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Conclusion:

So it is good to Christian leaders to

- engage God's word daily
- pray for a filling with God's Holy Spirit daily
- be involved at church.



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Conclusion:

Helps foster trustworthiness, on which leadership depends.

About growing to become the person God wants us to be.



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