

Briefing Document: "Leadership – Part 1" (6/15/2025)

I. Core Message: Every Christian is a Leader

- The sermon's central message is that every believer—regardless of gender, age, or position—is called to lead. Leadership is not limited to formal roles but extends to homes, workplaces, relationships, and all areas of life.
- "At many times, each and every single person in here is going to be a leader. We are called to lead—if we understand the Scriptures, we are called to lead in whatever environment we're in."
- "This is not just a man thing; this is a believer's calling."

II. The Role of a Leader

- A leader's purpose is to guide and influence others toward a shared goal—especially the goal of glorifying God. This includes inspiring others, taking initiative, and stepping into leadership when needed.
- "A leader guides and influences others toward a common goal, often by inspiring, motivating, and taking initiative."
- "As Christians, our common goal should be to glorify God."

III. Essential Characteristics of a Christian Leader (Part 1)

- Three foundational traits of a Christian leader are highlighted in this message, with more to follow in a future teaching. The sermon includes the repeated affirmation: "I am a Christian," inviting the congregation into active reflection and response.

A. Integrity

- Integrity means being honest, sincere, and consistent in one's words and actions. A leader without integrity will lose credibility and trust.
- Referencing Isaiah 32:7-8: 'A person who leads but doesn't keep their word—who behaves differently depending on who they're with—is an evil schemer. Their motives serve only themselves.'
- The story of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-5) illustrates the consequences of lying to God and lacking integrity.
- Isaiah 59:2: "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."
- Final exhortation: "Keep your word. Be who you say you are. If you say you're a Christian—live it. Walk it. Breathe it. Eat it."

B. Self-Awareness

- Christian leaders must understand themselves deeply—their strengths, weaknesses, motives, and flaws—and be honest with God.

- Psalm 139: 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'
- Psalm 46:1: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

C. Communication

- Effective communication is essential for leadership—especially in marriage and in one's relationship with God.
- Genesis 1:3: "Let there be light."
- Proverbs 18:21, 12:18, 15:1-2, 16:23 – Wisdom and the power of words.
- Luke 10:40–42: Martha and Mary – Prioritizing intimacy with Christ over busyness.

IV. The Yarn Analogy: Investing in Eternity

- A piece of yarn was used to illustrate the brevity of earthly life in contrast to eternity.
- Where are you investing most of your energy—into the small black part, or the vast white part of eternity?
- "Stop dwelling on this little part. You don't know when the white part is coming. So when you leave here today, glorify Him."

V. Call to Action

- The sermon ends with a call to humility, prayer, and devotion. Each person is invited to accept Christ and actively live out their faith.
- "If you have not professed Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior—what are you doing?"
- "Be a leader. Be the Christian you are called to be. What does your fruit say?"
- "Happy Father's Day. Don't take that lightly—you are a leader. And more importantly, you are a Christian—a representative of God."