



# Spiritual Leadership

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# Important Characteristics of Spiritual Leadership

1. Prayer
2. Self Examination
3. Spiritual Warfare
4. Preparation
5. Time Management
6. Learning Mode
7. Resources

# Prayer

## A. Pray without ceasing

1. Psalms 100
2. I Thessalonians 5:16-17

## B. Prayer and Supplication

1. I Kings 8:34
2. Philippians 4:6

Spiritual leadership looks differently from worldly leadership. It requires meditation and focus.

# Self Examination

- A. Psalms 51:10
- B. Ephesians 6:11

“Ethics is a requirement in spiritual leadership.” Leonard Sweet

Spiritual leaders are not afraid to conduct self examination before they begin a Godly task. i.e. Church conference etc....

# Spiritual Warfare

## A. The Armor of God: Ephesians 6:11

1. The Belt of Truth

2. The Breastplate of Righteousness

3. The Gospel of Peace

4. The Shield of Faith

5. The Helmet of Salvation

6. The Sword of the Spirit

# Preparation For A Meeting

- A. Proverbs 16:9
- B. Psalms 90:12

Prepare 2-7 days in advance for a meeting.

To the parishioners how do I look? Spiritual leadership is not about the shepherd but about the parishioners they have been appointed to lead.

Not every meeting is going to be a win-win.

# Time Management

Ephesians 5:15-16

Keep meetings as close to one hour including question and discussion time. Studies show that the average human being attention span is 20-30 minutes maximum.

Timely meetings improve parishioners listening skills.

Time management has to include your time your personal time you spend with God, the time you spend conducting ministry, and your family. There has to be a healthy balance.

# Never Stop Learning

A. Isaiah 61:1

B. Luke 4:18

1. Lend an ear and hear a vision.

C. “ No matter how emotional your opponents are, you must remain calm.”

Dr. M. L. King, Jr.



# Resources

Be a good resources for your parishioners.

“Learn to love the sound of God’s voice, then learn to use your voice to bring out other voices. Voice activated leadership is giving people a song to sing.” Leonard Sweet

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