

Effective Leadership



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Introduction

All over the world today there is a great shortage of leadership. This is true in government, business, the family and society as a whole. However, there is also a great shortage of leadership in the church. The purpose of this manual is to look at the Biblical principles for being godly spiritual leaders and developing effective godly leaders in the church.

Today the world has placed a strong focus on solving the problems of society. In order to solve those problems, the world has become problem focused. It reacts to problems. It then tries to develop policies to avoid those problems. In order to make certain that the policies are carried out, the world has developed an elaborate reporting system. This has changed the focus from people to tasks. As a result, those who are in positions of leadership focus on telling people what to do. Then they try to tell them how to do it their way which destroys our God given creativity. In order to do this telling, the world has focused on written instructions which are carried out through a chain of command. The primary goal has been to increase the productivity or efficiency and complete the task. In order to carry out this problems centered focus, the world has placed a strong emphasis on administration instead of leadership.

The church has followed the pattern of the world so that most churches and church organizations are now focused on maintenance rather than obedience to the Great Commission. Proverbs 14:12 and Proverbs 16:25 both say, "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." This has resulted in a strong emphasis on administration rather than leadership in many churches and church organizations. The chart on the next page will show the style of Christ in comparing leadership and administration. The eleven topics mentioned on that page provide the eleven topics that are covered in this manual.

**Christ said,
"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

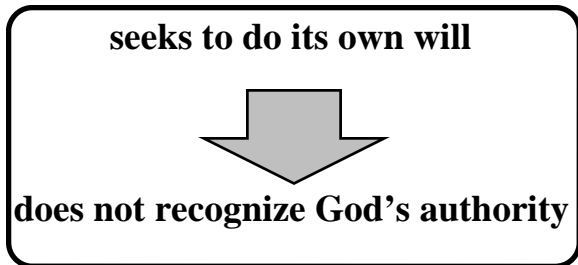
Leadership or Administration

Leadership	Style of Christ	Administration
Goal focused	John 6:38 John 17:4	Problem focused
Develops a plan of action	John 13:1 John 17:9-19	Reacts to problems
Builds relationships	John 1:35-51 Mark 3:13-14	Develops policies
Develops people	Luke 5:8-11 Acts 4:13	Develops reporting system
Focuses on the people being led	John 15:12-15 John 20:17	Focuses on the task being done
Shows people what to do	Mark 1:16-20 John 6:5-14	Tells people what to do
Focuses on doing the right things	Matthew 28:19-20 John 13:34-35	Focuses on doing things the right way
Informal communication	Mark 6:7-13, 30-31 Mark 16:7	Formal communication
Servant leadership	Mark 10:42-45 John 21:15-17	Chain of command
Focuses on team work	Mark 6:7 Luke 10:1	Focuses on the task
Focuses on priorities	Mark 1:35 John 13:13-17	Focuses on efficiency

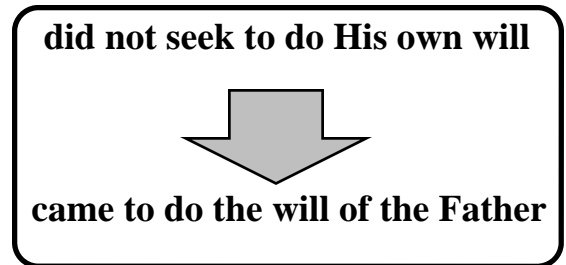
Effective Leadership is goal focused

**Christ came to do the will of the Father
John 6:38**

Worldly leadership



Christ's leadership

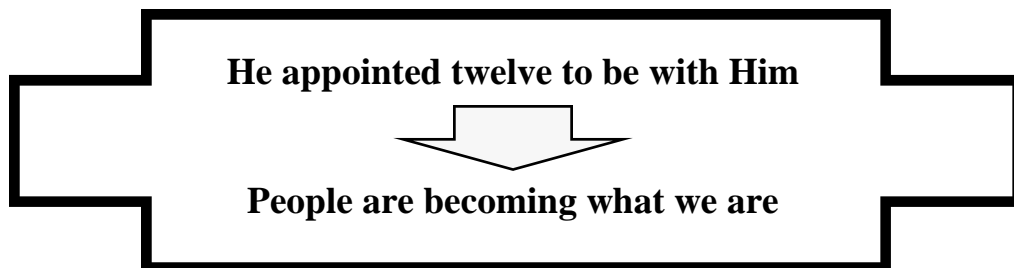


What was the will of the Father?

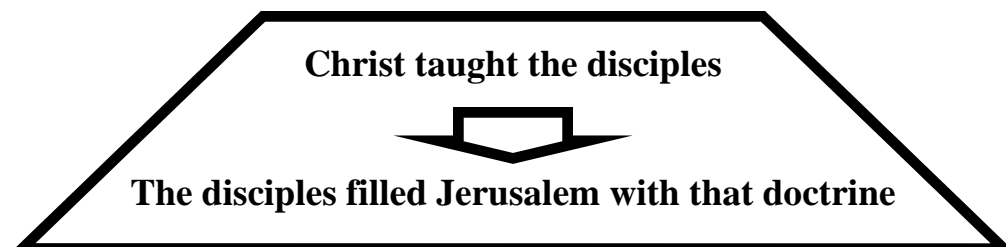
- 1. Develop Godly reproducing leadership
Mark 1:16-20**



- 2. Develop Godly character in that leadership
Mark 3:14-15**



- 3. Develop the ability to teach the Word of God in that leadership
Acts 5:28**



**Christ gave us a commission to do His will
Matthew 28:19-20**

Going therefore, **Make Disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age. Amen.

Our commission has one command

* **Make Disciples** *

Our commission has three participles which tell how to carry out that command

<p>Going</p> <p>this is going to people, sharing the Gospel with them and leading them to Christ</p>
<p>Baptizing</p> <p>this is helping those people to identify with Christ and with a local body of believers</p>
<p>Teaching</p> <p>this is showing those people how to obey Christ and grow to spiritual maturity</p>

Effective leadership is being committed to and obeying our command to:

Make Disciples

Effective Leadership develops a plan of action

**Christ chose to develop disciples through love
John 13:1**

Christ loved His own who were in the world

Christ loved His own to the end

Love is defined in I Corinthians 13:4-7

Love has two major characteristics

Love is patient

Love is kind

Love has eight things it does not do

Love does not envy (is not jealous)

Love does not brag

Love does not become proud

Love does not behave rudely

Love does not seek its own way

Love is not provoked

Love does not think evil

Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth

Love has four things it does

Love bears all things

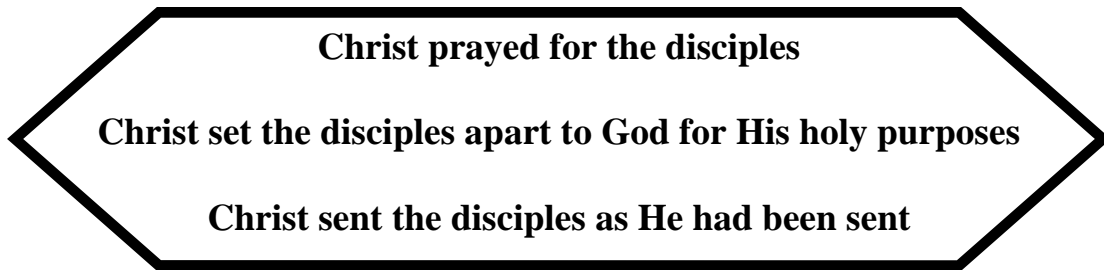
Love believes all things

Love hopes all things

Love endures all things

Love never fails

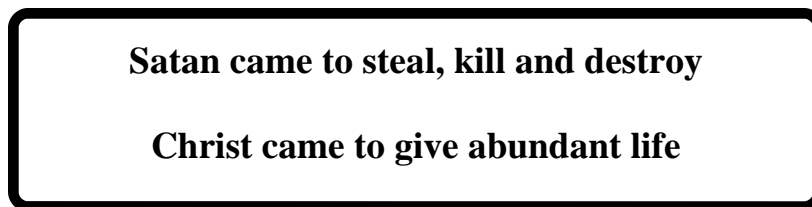
**Christ then sent those disciples to develop others through love
John 17:9-19**



**Disciples are developed either through fear or love
I John 4:18-19**

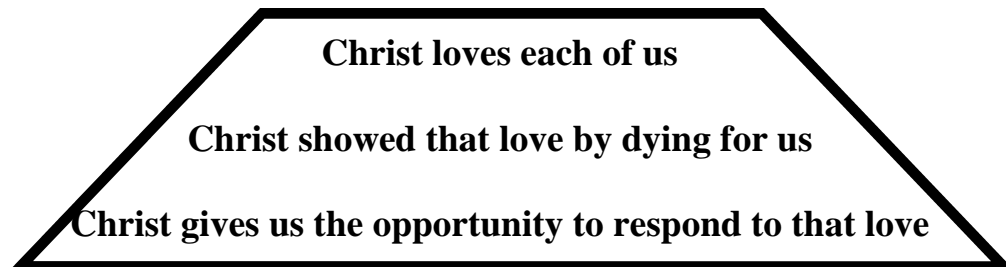
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear involves torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

John 10:10

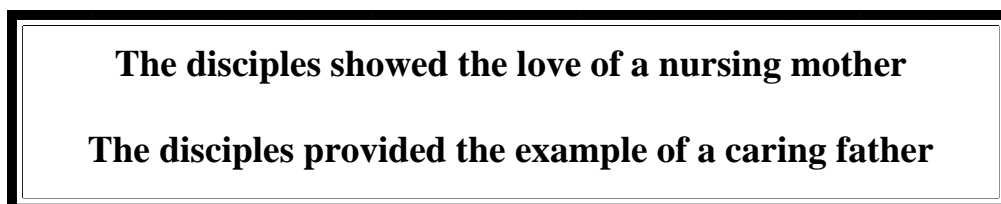


**Disciples are motivated by love
II Corinthians 5:14-15**

For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then all died: and *that He* died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them, and rose again.



**Disciples are helped toward maturity through love
I Thessalonians 2:7-12**



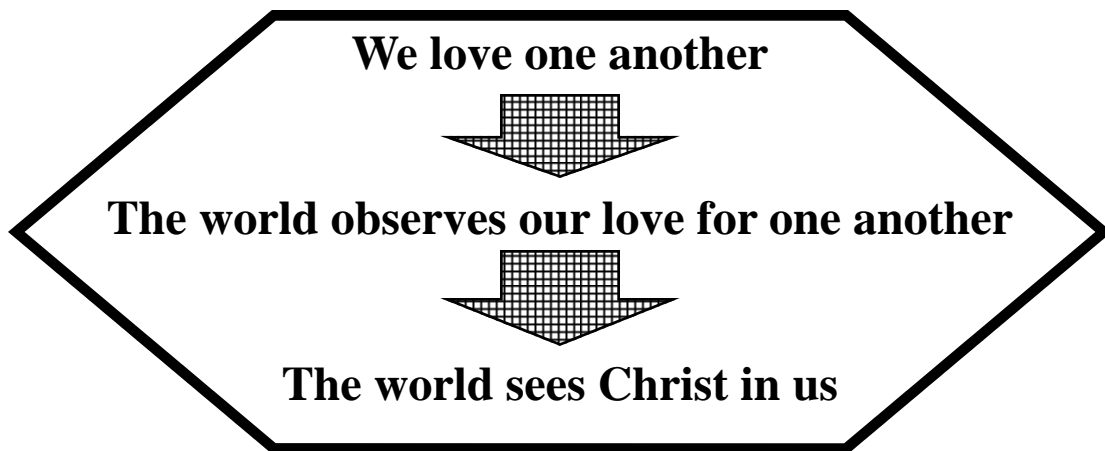
**Christ calls us to develop disciples through love
John 13:34-35**

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Christ says this a commandment not a suggestion

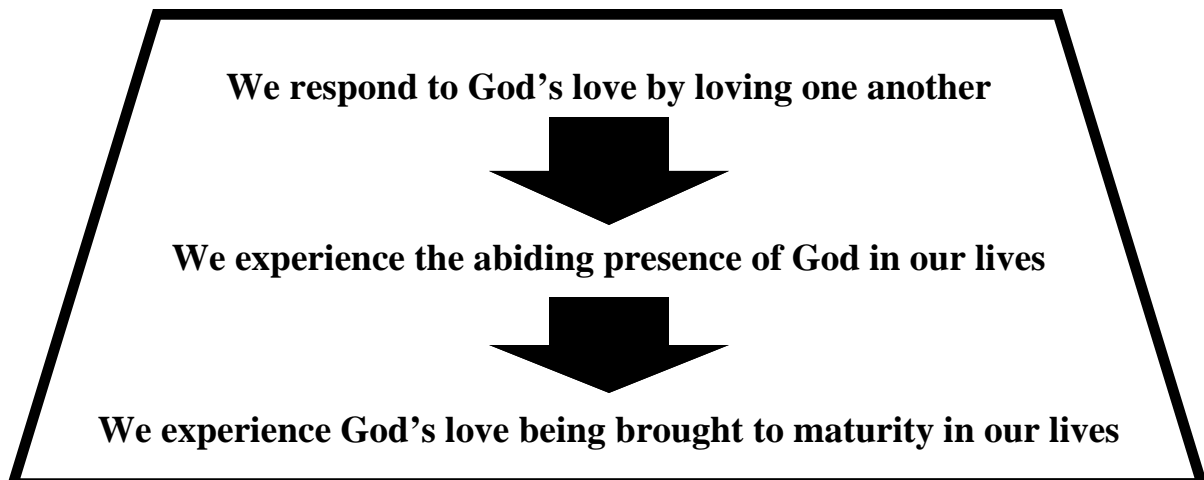
Christ says we are to love one another as He loves us

**Christ says our love for one another is the way the world
will recognize us as disciples of Christ**



**Christ's love in us only matures as we love one another
I John 4:11-12**

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us.



Effective Leadership builds relationships

**Christ built relationships by going to people
John 1:35-51**

Christ turned to John and Andrew on a road

Christ met Peter because His brother brought him

Christ went and found Philip

Christ met Nathanael because His friend brought him

**Christ built relationships by going to an woman who was an outcast
John 4:4-42**

Christ initiated conversation with the woman

Christ offered hope of forgiveness and true worship

Christ saw the life of the woman changed

Christ saw the woman bring others to Him

**Christ built relationships by going to a man who was an outcast
Matthew 9:9-13**

Christ initiated conversation with Matthew at work

Christ invited Matthew to follow Him

Christ accepted the invitation of Matthew to his home

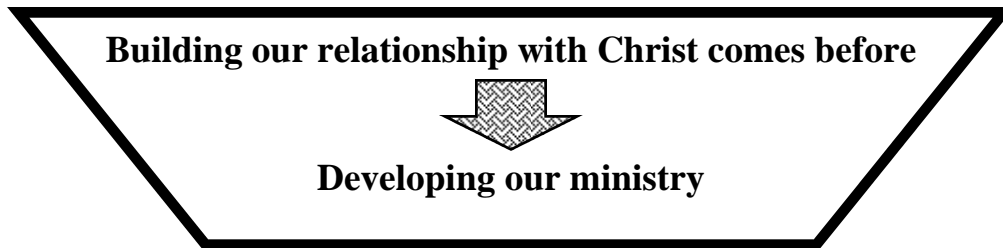
Christ met many friends of Matthew at that home

Are we going to people to build relationships with them

**Christ built relationships by spending time with people
Mark 3:13-14**

Christ chose the ones He would spend time with
Christ chose them to be with Him
Christ chose them to send them forth to preach

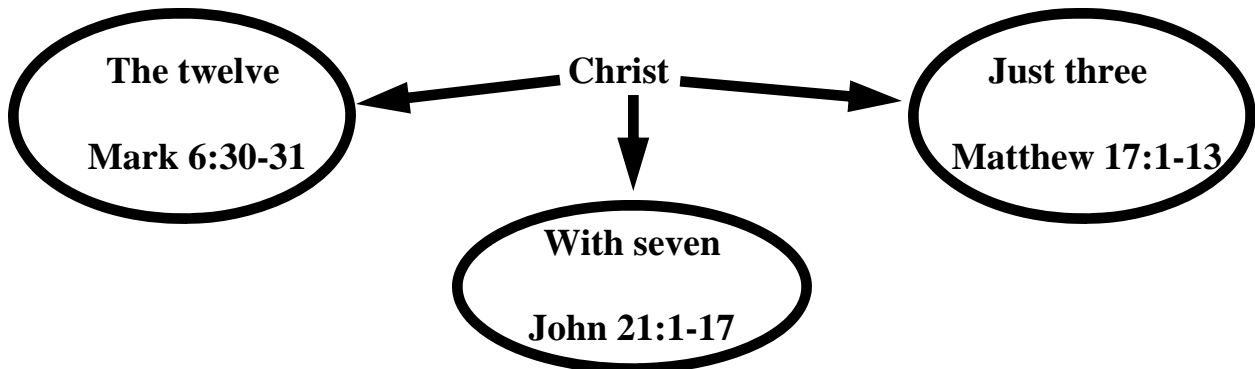
Relationships or Tasks



Christ had time to talk to people alone

Christ spent time with Nicodemus - John 3
Christ spent time with the Samaritan woman - John 4
Christ spent time with a woman caught caught in sin - John 8
Christ spent time with a man born blind - John 9
Christ spent time with Mary - John 20:11-17

Christ spent time with small groups



Christ calls us to build relationships
Acts 2:42-47

The focus of group meetings
Acts 2:42

we need to focus on Bible study
we need to focus on fellowship with one another
we need to focus on communion with Christ
we need to focus on prayer

The focus of caring
Acts 2:43-45

we need to spend time together
we need to realize what we have is from God
we need to be concerned about the needs of one another

The focus of building relationships
Acts 2:46-47

we need to be of one accord
we need to be meeting together in larger groups
we need to be meeting together in our homes
we need to share meals with gladness and singleness of heart
we need to have good relationships with both God and people
we can expect God to work as we are obedient

Effective Leadership develops people

**Christ developed fishers into fishers of men
Luke 5:1-11**

**Christ ministered to the multitudes
Luke 5:1-3**

**the multitude wanted to hear the Word of God
the multitude caused Christ to request the help of fishermen
the multitude was taught the Word of God by Christ**

**Christ focused on the few
Luke 5:4-7**

**the fishermen were told to fish
the fishermen said it was not the appropriate time to fish
the fishermen chose to be obedient to Christ
the fishermen saw Christ work mightily**

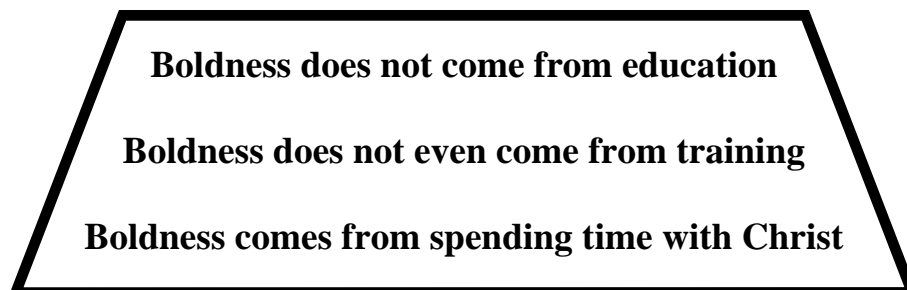
**Christ focused on what the fishermen would become
Luke 5:8-11**

**the fishermen had to recognize their own sinfulness
the fishermen had to recognize the power of Christ
the fishermen were called to become fishers of men
the fishermen responded to begin training for ministry**

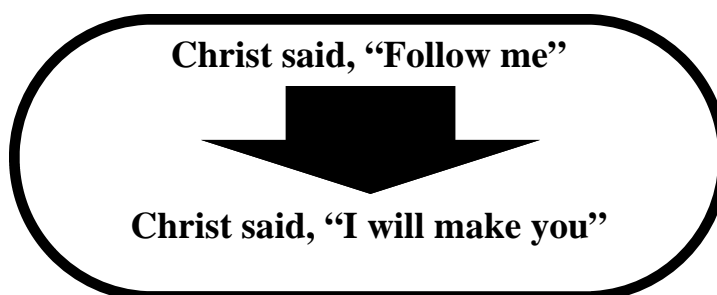


**Christ developed transformed people
Acts 4:13**

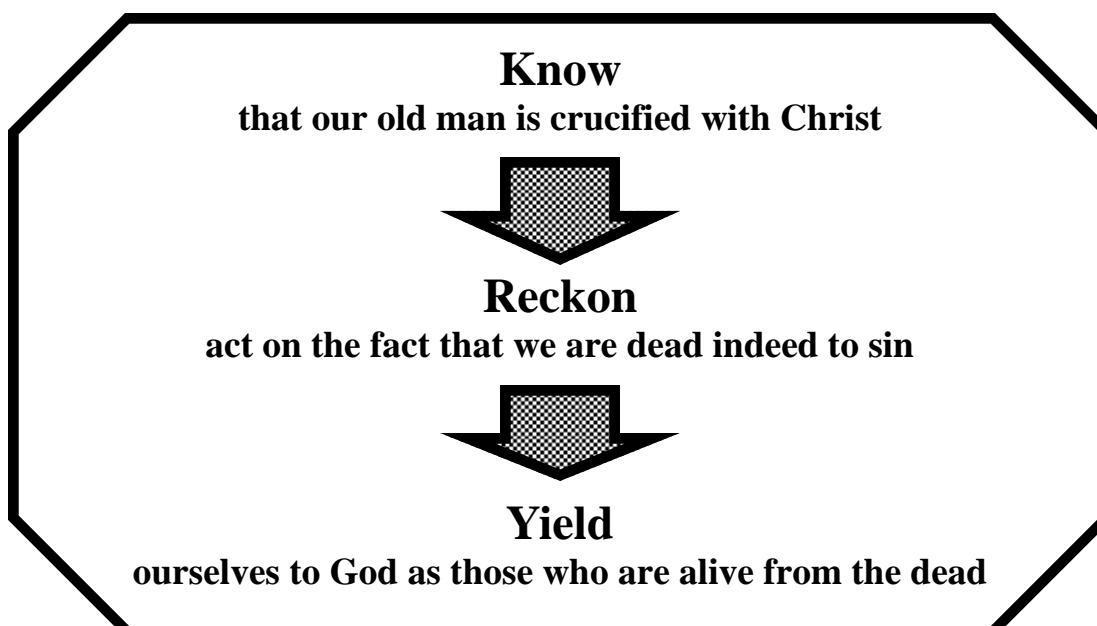
Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and recognized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.



**Transformation happens as we follow Christ
Matthew 4:19**

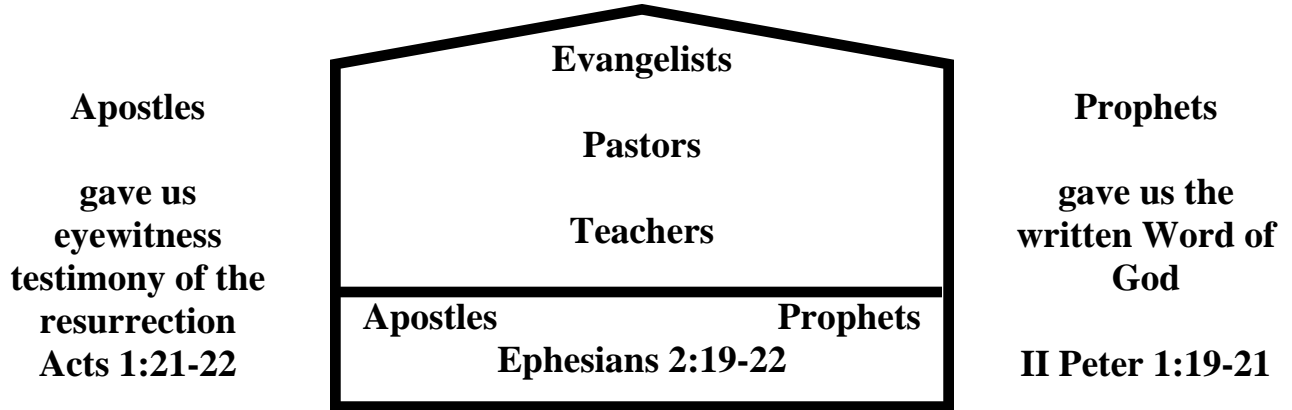


**Transformation happens as we yield to the Holy Spirit
Romans 6:6-16**

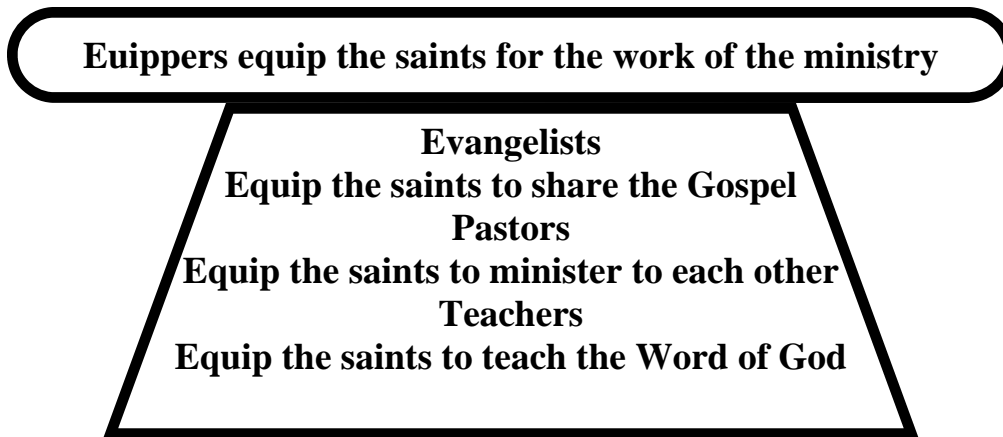


**Christ calls us to develop people
Ephesians 4:11-13**

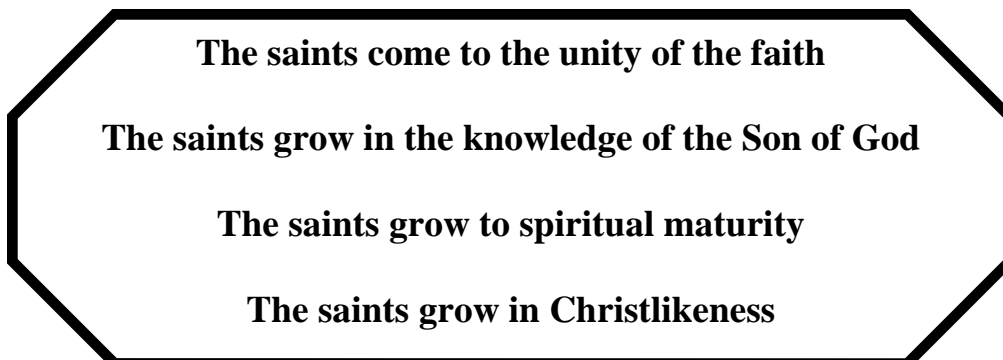
**The foundation and the equippers
Ephesians 4:11**



**The ministry of the equippers
Ephesians 4:12**



**The results of an effective equipping ministry
Ephesians 4:13**



Effective leadership focuses on the people being led

**Christ helped servants become friends
John 15:12-15**

Christ focused on loving one another

Christ focused on laying down their lives for one another

Christ focused on obedience to the Word of God

Christ focused on sharing His plans

Christ had shown the disciples how to become friends

Christ chose the disciples to be with Him

Christ took the disciples with Him to various places

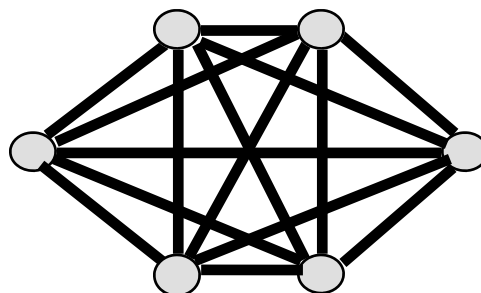
Christ answered the questions of the disciples

Christ encouraged the disciples when they failed

Christ shared His plans with the disciples

Christ showed the disciples how to love one another

**Christ commanded the disciples to love one another
John 13:34-35**



**Christ helped friends become brethren
John 20:17**

**Christ called the disciples brethren
Christ sent messages to His brethren**

**Christ lifted the disciples from the level of servants to brethren
Brethren is used over 300 times in the New Testament
(most times it is used to refer to Christian brothers)**

**A master servant relationship looks like this
Ephesians 6:5-6**

Servants, be obedient to those who are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;



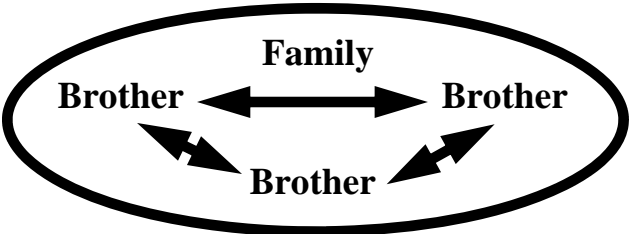
**A friendship relationship looks like this
John 15:15**

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.



**A brethren relationship looks like this
I John 3:16, I John 4:11**

By this we know the love of *God*, because He laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren...Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.



**Christ calls us to lay down our lives for the brethren
I John 3:16**

We lay down our lives for one another by helping one another grow

Newborn babes	I Peter 2:2 I Thessalonians 2:7-12
Toddlers	I Corinthians 3:1-3, 13:11 Ephesians 4:14 Hebrews 5:11-14
Children	I John 2:12-14
Young Men	I John 2:12-14
Spiritual Parents	I Corinthians 4:14-17 I Thessalonians 2:7-12 I John 2:12-14

We lay down our lives for one another by praying for one another

Christ	John 17:1-26
Paul	Ephesians 3:14-21 I Thessalonians 1:2-3

We lay down our lives for one another by sharing the Word

Christ	Luke 24:27-48
Aquila & Priscilla	Acts 18:26

We lay down our lives for one another by showing how to minister

Christ	Mark 3:13-15
Paul	Acts 20:4, 20
Barnabas	Acts 15:39

Effective Leadership shows people what to do

**Christ showed people how to reach others
Mark 1:16-20**

Follow me  I will make you fishers of men

Christ went to where the disciples were

Christ invited the disciples to follow Him

Christ promised to show them what to do

**Christ helped the disciples develop a vision for the lost Samaritans
John 4:35**

Lift up your eyes



Look on the fields

**Christ helped the disciples develop a vision for the lost Jews
Matthew 9:36-10:8**

The disciples saw the compassion of Christ

The disciples were told to pray for laborers

The disciples were sent to the people of Israel

The disciples were told what to preach

**Christ showed people how to minister to others
John 6:5-14**

Christ saw the people and their need
Philip saw the problems and their financial report
Christ gave the disciples responsibility that they could do
Christ performed the miracle that they could not do
Christ had the disciples pass out the food

**Ministry is learned by observing
John 11:14-44**

The disciples saw Christ willing to risk His life
The disciples saw the compassion of Christ for Martha
The disciples saw the compassion of Christ for Mary
The disciples saw the compassion of Christ for Lazarus

**Ministry is people centered or problem centered
Matthew 15:21-28**

Christ focused on the people
The disciples focused on the problem
what do we focus on, people or problems?

**Ministry is caught rather than taught
Acts 8:4**

The disciples went everywhere preaching the Word

**Christ calls us to show others how to minister
John 13:13-17**



Christ washed the disciples' feet before He explained
Christ reminded them of His relationship to them
Christ called them to serve one another in love
Christ reminded them that servant and lord are equal
Christ said happiness comes from doing what we know

**We are to have the concern of a father not just an instructor
I Corinthians 4:14-17**

A spiritual father warns his beloved children
A spiritual father has the same care as a physical father
A spiritual father provides an example to follow
A spiritual father uses his example to teach

**Paul gives us a model for effective ministry
Acts 20:20-21**

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shown you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

How	Where	Who	What to unbelievers
Show	Publicly	Jews	Repentance toward God
	&	&	
Tell	House to House	Gentiles	Faith in Christ

Effective Leadership focuses on doing the right things

**Christ focused on making disciples
Matthew 28:19-20**

**Make disciples is the only command in these verses
(three participles tell how to carry out that command)**

**Going
Baptizing
Teaching**

**Five priorities of a spiritual leader and making disciples
Exodus 18:19-21**

Pray for the people	Prayer for disciples Ephesians 3:14-21
Teach the Word of God	Teach from Scripture II Timothy 3:16-17
Show the way to walk	Model godly character Mark 1:35, 3:13-14
Show the work to do	Model Biblical ministry Matthew 4:19
Share the work	Share part of ministry John 21:15-17

How do we make disciples?

Discipleship is not a course you teach

Discipleship is the life you model

Christ focused on loving one another

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

The command to love one another is found in the following passages

John 13:34-35	John 15:12	John 15:17
Romans 13:8	I Thess. 1:3	I Thess. 4:9-10
II Thess. 1:3	I Peter 1:22	I Peter 4:8
I John 3:11	I John 3:23	I John 4:7
I John 4:11	I John 4:12	II John 5

Christ gave us thirty commands to obey to show love to one another

and twelve commands of things to avoid to show love to one another

Commands to obey

Accept one another
Romans 15:7

Admonish one another
Romans 15:14
Colossians 3:16

Bear one another's burdens
Galatians 6:2

Bear with one another
Ephesians 4:2
Colossians 3:13

Build up one another
Romans 14:19
I Thessalonians 5:11

Care for one another
I Corinthians 12:25

Comfort one another
I Thessalonians 4:18
I Thessalonians 5:11
Hebrews 10:25
Hebrews 3:13

Be comforted together through faith in one another
Romans 1:12

Commands to obey (continued)

Have compassion one of another
I Peter 3:8

Confess your sins to one another
James 5:16

Be devoted to one another
Romans 12:10

Fellowship with one another
I John 1:7

Forgive one another
Ephesians 4:32
Colossians 3:13

**Seek what is good for one another
and for all men**
I Thessalonians 5:15

Greet one another
Romans 16:16
I Corinthians 16:20
II Corinthians 13:12
I Peter 5:14

Be hospitable to one another
I Peter 4:9

**Clothe yourselves with humility
toward one another**
I Peter 5:5

Be kind to one another
Ephesians 4:32

Be members one of another

Romans 12:5
Ephesians 4:25

**Be of the same mind one to
another**
Romans 12:16
Romans 15:5

Be at peace with one another
Mark 9:50
I Thessalonians 5:13

Pray for one another
James 5:16

**Regard one another as more
important than self**
Philippians 2:3

Serve one another as a slave
Galatians 5:13

**Employ your gift in serving
one another**
I Peter 4:10

**Stimulate one another to love
and good deeds**
Hebrews 10:24-25

Commands to obey (continued)

Submit to one another
Ephesians 5:21

Teach one another
Colossians 3:16

Wait for one another
I Corinthians 11:33

Wash one another's feet
John 13:14

Commands to avoid

Let us not judge one another
Romans 14:13

Do not go to law with one another
I Corinthians 6:7

Stop depriving one another
I Corinthians 7:5

Do not bite one another
Galatians 5:15

Do not devour one another
Galatians 5:15

Do not consume one another
Galatians 5:15

Do not challenge one another
Galatians 5:26

Do not envy one another
Galatians 5:26

Do not lie to one another
Colossians 3:9

**See that no one repays another
with evil for evil**
I Thessalonians 5:15

**Do not speak against one
another**
James 4:11

**Do not complain against one
another**
James 5:9

We are to function as one body **I Corinthians 12:25-27**

That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

**Christ calls us to make disciples who love
Ephesians 4:12-16**

**Spiritual leaders are to:
Ephesians 4:12**

**Equip the saints for works of service
in order to build up of the body of Christ**

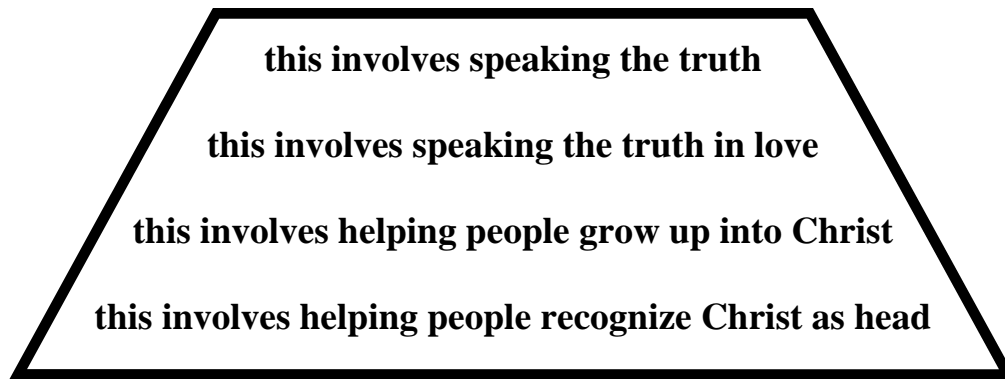
**Spiritual leaders are to bring saints to spiritual maturity
Ephesians 4:13**

**This involves coming to the unity of the faith
This involves growing in the knowledge of the Son of God
This involves becoming a mature Christian
This involves growing in Christlikeness**

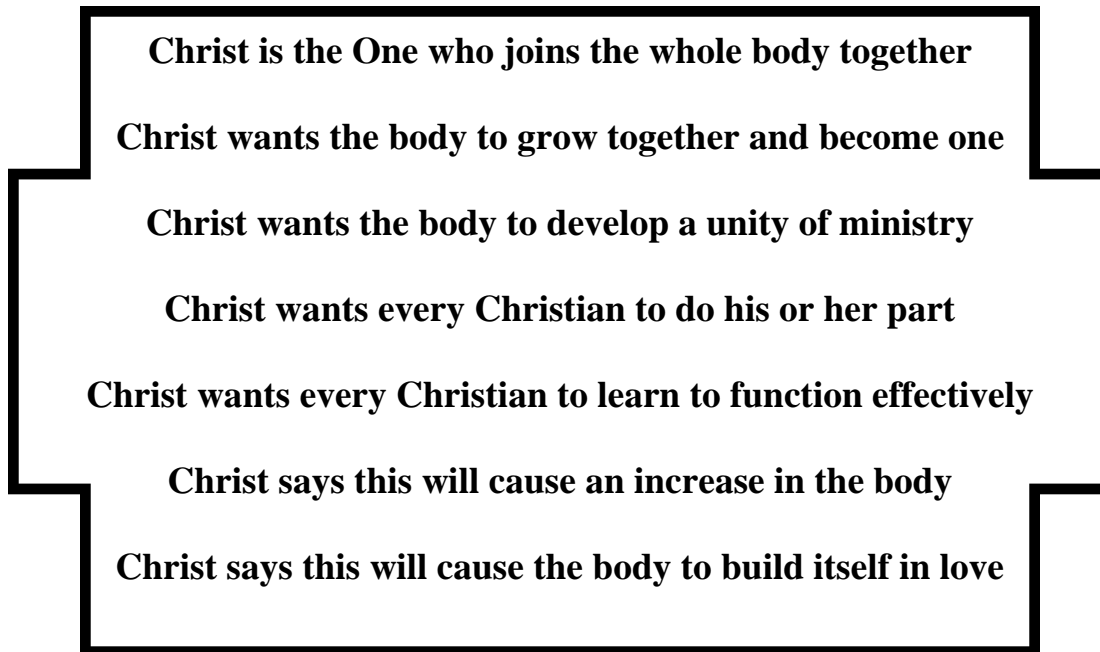
**Spiritual leaders are not to leave people as spiritual toddlers
Ephesians 4:14**

- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers act like people who are not Christians - I Cor. 3:1**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers are not able to understand difficult teachings from the Word of God -I Corinthians 3:2**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers experience envying, strife and divisions - I Cor. 3:3**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers talking, understanding and thinking of spiritual things is limited - I Corinthians 13:11**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers are tossed to and fro by every false teaching - Ephesians 4:14**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers are easily deceived by false teachers - Ephesians 4:14**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers are dull of hearing to spiritual truth - Hebrews 5:11**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers need to be retaught the basics of Christianity - Hebrews 5:12**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers are unskillful in the word of righteousness - Hebrews 5:13**
- ◆ **Spiritual toddlers have not developed their senses to recognize good and evil - Hebrews 5:14**

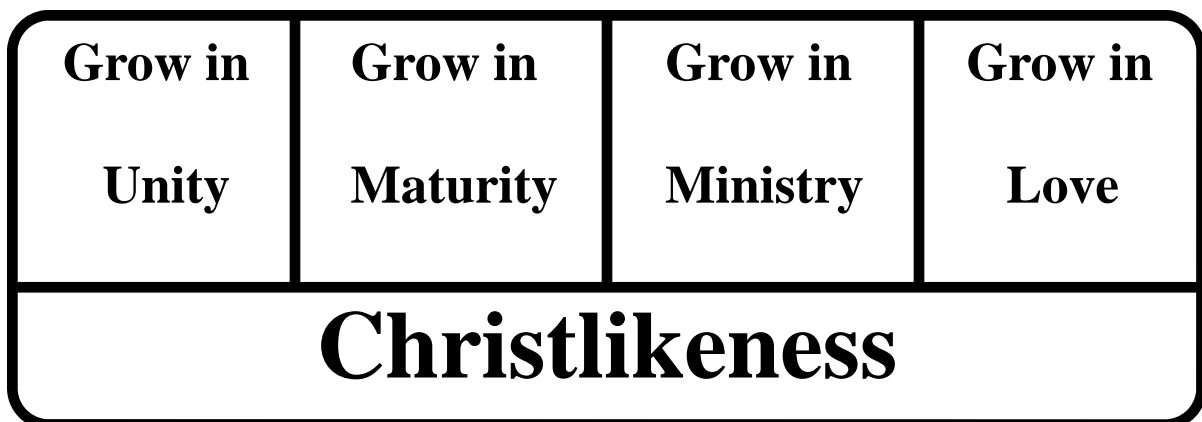
**Spiritual leaders are to speak the truth
Ephesians 4:15**



**Spiritual leaders have a goal to help every Christian learn to function effectively
Ephesians 4:16**



Christ wants Christians to grow



Effective Leadership focuses on informal communication

**Christ listened to the disciples
Mark 6:7-13, 30-31**

Christ gave the disciples specific instructions

Christ sent the disciples out to minister

Christ gathered the disciples together

Christ gave them opportunity to share what they had done

Christ gave them opportunity to share what they had taught

Christ gave them opportunity to share without interruptions

Christ gave them opportunity for rest and leisurely discussion

Effective principles of communication

Listen to what people have done

Listen to what people have taught

Listen without interruptions or distractions

Listen and discuss without being in a rush



Are you a good

Listener?



**Christ sent personal messages to the disciples
Mark 16:1-7, John 20:11-18**

Christ understood how Peter was feeling

Christ sent a personal message to Peter

Christ sent that message through another

Paul sent personal messages to many Christians

**Paul sent personal messages to Christians in Rome
Romans 16:1-16**

**Paul sent personal messages to Christians in Corinth
I Corinthians 16:15-20**

**Paul sent personal messages to Christians in Colosse
Colossians 4:7-17**

**Paul sent personal messages to Timothy
I Timothy
II Timothy**

**Paul sent a personal message to Titus
Titus**

**Paul sent a personal message to Philemon
Philemon**

Paul sent personal messengers when he could not go

**Paul sent Timothy to Corinth
I Corinthians 4:14-17**

**Paul sent Timothy to Thessalonica
I Thessalonians 3:1-8**

Christ calls us to listen more than talk

James 1:19-20

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God.

An effective leader will be quick to listen

An effective leader will be slow to speak

An effective leader will avoid wrath

Principles of communication from Proverbs

An effective leader will know when to keep quiet

Proverbs 10:19

An effective leader will speak with soft words

Proverbs 15:1-2

An effective leader is respected for listening

Proverbs 17:28

An effective leader will listen before answering

Proverbs 18:13

An effective leader listens to both sides

Proverbs 18:17

An effective leader avoids trouble by careful talking

Proverbs 21:23

An effective leader seeks wisdom

This wisdom is gained through prayer

James 1:5

This wisdom comes from above

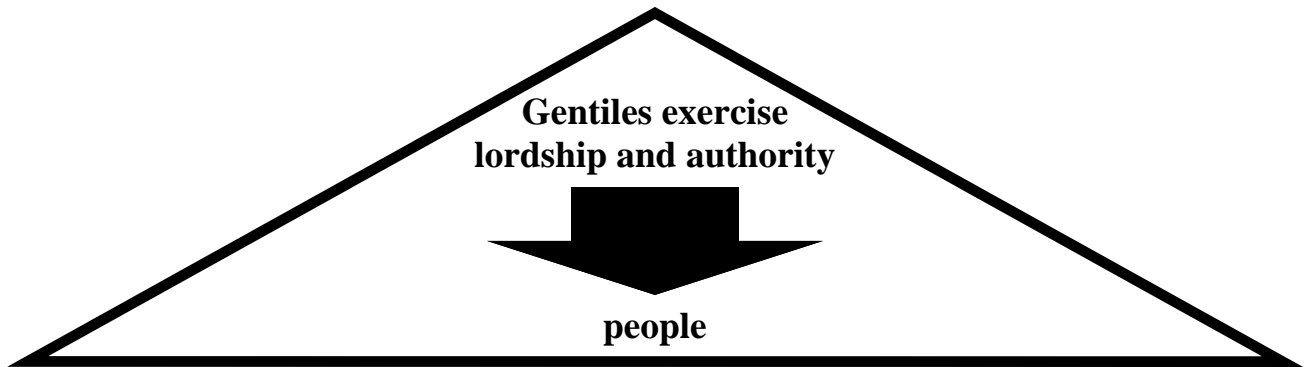
James 3:17, Isaiah 55:8-9

Effective leadership is servant leadership

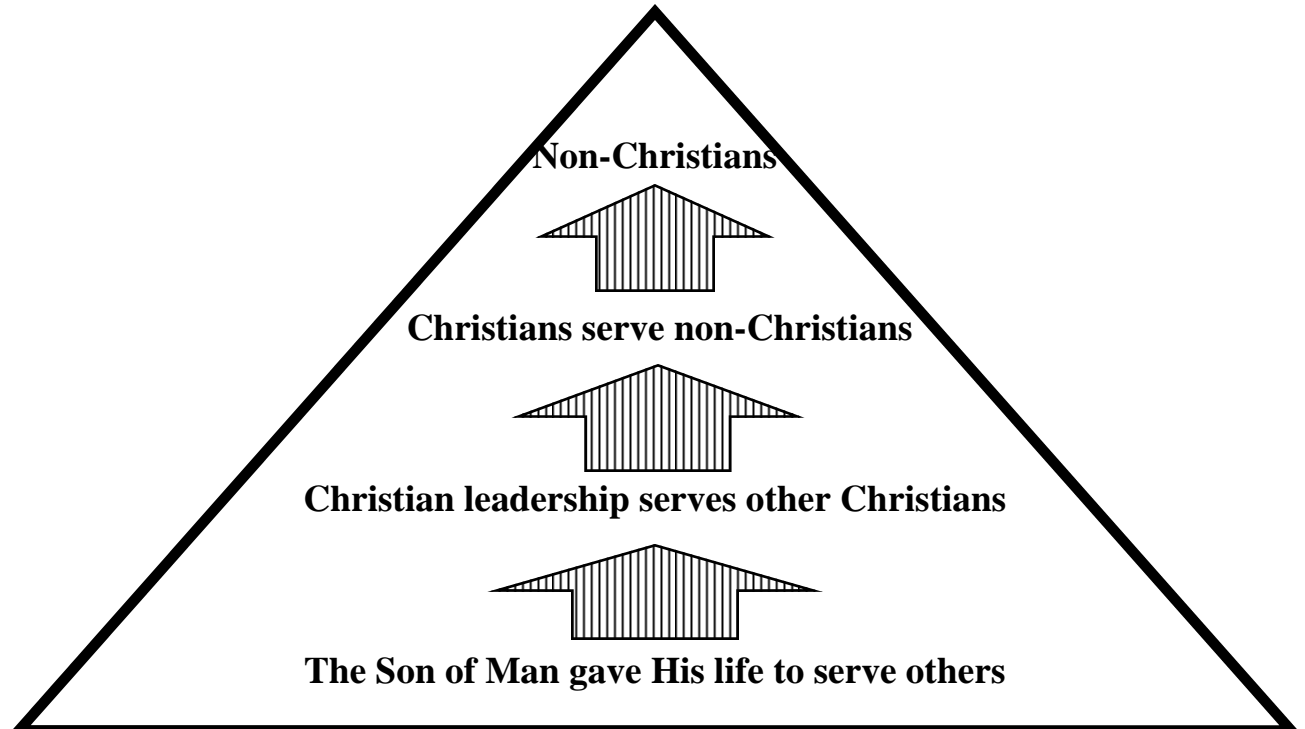
**Christ said we lead by serving
Mark 10:42-45**

**James and John wanted positions of power
Mark 10:35-40
the other ten wanted positions of power
Mark 10:41**

**Christ described the leadership pattern of the world
Mark 10:42**



**Christ modeled His pattern of leadership
Mark 10:43-45**



**Christ said we lead by loving Him
John 21:15-17**

Effective godly leadership is not based on

**natural leadership
skills, programs, methods
or anything else**

Effective godly leadership is based on loving Christ

Effective godly leadership

**Focuses on feeding young Christians
Focuses on providing shepherding ministries
Focuses on feeding the maturing Christians**

**Effective shepherding ministries
Isaiah 40:11, Ezekiel 34:1-16**

An effective shepherd feeds His flock

An effective shepherd provides protection to young Christians

An effective shepherd gently leads Christians who are leading others

An effective shepherd strengthens the diseased (those affected by false teaching)

An effective shepherd strengthens the sick (those affected by sinful living)

An effective shepherd helps the sheep lie in a good fold (fellowship)

An effective shepherd brings back those that are driven away

An effective shepherd binds up the broken

An effective shepherd seeks the lost

**Christ calls us to serve one another in love
Galatians 5:13**

Christians have been called to liberty

Christians are not to use that liberty to satisfy the flesh

Christians now have liberty to serve one another in love

**Basic attitudes for effective servant leadership
Philippians 2:3-4**

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

We are to do nothing out of strife (putting self forward)

We are to do nothing out of vainglory (pride)

We are to have a humble opinion of ourselves

We are to consider others better than ourselves

We are not to look out for our own best interests

We are to look out for the best interests of others

**Basic actions for effective servant leadership
I Peter 4:10-11**

As every man has received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We are to speak the Word of God when we speak

We are to serve with the ability that God gives as we serve

Effective leadership focuses on teamwork

**Christ chose a team to be with Him
Mark 3:13-14**

**Christ chose to work through people
Christ chose the people through whom He would work
Christ chose to spend much time with His team
Christ chose to train His team by example**

**Basic principles for choosing a leadership team
Look for FAT people**

★
★ **Faithful** ★
★ **I Corinthians 4:2** ★
★
★ **Available** ★
★ **Matthew 4:18-22** ★
★
★ **Teachable** ★
★ **John 14:4, 8, 22** ★
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Two basic attitudes to look for when choosing leaders

**A learner's attitude
Acts 9:5-6**

**A servant's heart
John 13:13-17**

Your basic responsibility when building a team

**Prayer
Luke 6:12-13**

**Christ sent the disciples out in teams
Mark 6:7, Luke 10:1**

Christ sent out the twelve in teams

Christ sent out the seventy in teams

The early church ministered as teams

**Peter and John ministered as a team
Acts 3:1-4:22, Acts 8:14**

**The apostles ministered as a team
Acts 5:17-32**

**Peter and six others ministered as a team
Acts 10:23, Acts 11:12**

**The Holy Spirit sent people out in teams
Acts 13:1-3**

The church at Antioch had a leadership team of five men

The church at Antioch prayed for the leading of the Spirit

The church at Antioch sent Barnabas and Saul as a team

Paul developed teams to travel with him

**Paul and Silas added Timothy to their team
Acts 16:1-3**

**Paul and Silas added Luke to their team
Acts 16:8-10**

**Paul continued to increase the size of his team
Acts 20:4**

**Christ calls us to work as a team
I Corinthians 12:12-27**

The body of Christ has many members

The parts of the body are each uniquely created by God

The parts of the body all need each other

The parts of the body least noticed are equally important

The parts of the body are to care for one another

The parts of the body are to suffer together

The parts of the body are to rejoice together

**Christ has given every Christian one or more gifts
Romans 12:3-8**

Prophecy **Serving**

Teaching **Exhorting**

Giving **Leading**

Showing Mercy

**Christ says these gifts are to serve one another
I Peter 4:10-11**

These gifts are for the purpose of serving one another

These gifts are given to us so we can be good stewards

These gifts are given because of the varieties of the grace of God

**Christ said our second priority is to love one another
John 13:34-35**

The Great Commandment

Mark 12:30-31

“And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment. And the second, like *it, is* this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Love the Lord your God with all your heart

Love the Lord your God with all your soul

Love the Lord your God with all your strength

Love the the Lord God with all your mind

The New Commandment

John 13:34-35

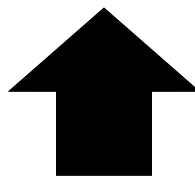
“A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Love one another as I have loved you

Love for one another is how the world recognizes us as disciples

Love for one another is shown by action

God



Brother in Christ



Us



Sister in Christ

**Christ said our third priority is to love the multitude
Matthew 9:36-38**

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send out laborers into His harvest.”

We are to see the multitudes as Christ saw them

We are to have the compassion of Christ for them

We are to see the harvest is abundant around us

We are to recognize the shortage of workers

**We are to pray the Lord of the harvest
that He will send out laborers into His harvest**

We are to see the world around us as Christ sees it

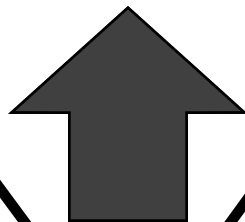
John 4:35

“Do you not say, There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

We are to lift up our eyes

We are to look on the fields

Love God



Love Christians

Us

Love Others