



Leadership in the Church Broader than We Think

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Leaders Rise Up in Times of Conflict (*The Seven: Acts 6:1-7*)

Acts 6:2-4

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

Lesson #1- [Conflict](#) comes in the best of times!

Lesson #2- Certain [qualities](#) are essential for [every](#) leader in the church.

Lesson #3- [Delegation](#) and [Gift-Based](#) ministry are biblical!

Leaders Lay it All Down for Jesus! (*Stephen: Acts 6:8-8:1*)

Acts 7:59-60

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Lesson #4- Leaders who stand for Jesus with bold confidence will often [face serious conflict!](#)

Lesson #5- Leaders who follow Jesus will speak the [truth](#), even when it is not popular!

Lesson #6- Leaders who stand strong in their faith will see the [face](#) of Jesus, [sound](#) like Jesus, and [look](#) like Jesus, and maybe even [sacrifice](#) like Jesus.

Leaders Engage in the Mission of Jesus! (*Philip: Acts 8:26-40*)

Acts 8:34-35

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

Lesson #7- God is always prompting and directing, true leaders [listen](#) and [follow!](#)

Lesson #8- The Gospel and the Scriptures are on the [heart](#) and [lips](#) of a true leader.

Leaders Come from Surprising Places! (*Saul/Paul: Acts 9:1-30*)

Acts 9:1-2

¹ Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Lesson #9- Jesus can call [anyone](#) to be a leader in His Church.

Lesson #10- Greatness in leadership comes from [humble following](#).

Leaders Lead Leaders (*Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos: Acts 18:18-28*)

Acts 18:24-26

²⁴ Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. ²⁵ He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

Lesson #11- Leaders know a lot, but they [don't know everything!](#)

Lesson #12- God's gifts are for [men](#) and [women](#).