Christian Leadership in the Secular World

WELCOME!
Every Leader’s Dilemma
Today’s Break-Out

• Define Leadership in the 21st Century
• The 5 Five ‘Be’s of Leadership
• Leadership Challenge
The B-Zone!

- Busy …
- Buried…
- Behind…
- Broke…
- Blocked…
- Bugged…
- Bummed…
Let’s Get Started

- Jot down the different roles you have
- Star the ones where you might be a leader or are leading
- Circle the one that is the most challenging right now
Three or More Full Time Jobs?

“Every career for the man or woman following Christ is a divine calling---an assignment from heaven, a part of God’s grand design for your life”

-H. Dale Burke,

“Less is More”
Someone we choose to follow to a place we would not go by ourselves

Leadership

Is a Trust
A believer who desires to lead others to the Way, the Truth and the Life.

A follower of Jesus who has a desire to hear the Word of God and obey it.

Living our faith in the secular world.
Perfect Leadership

- Perfect leadership was conceived in the Garden of Eden
- Perfect leadership was born in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ
- Through the Holy Spirit we are enabled to be Christ-like leaders
Psalm 119

HEAR........AND..........OBEY
5 ‘B’s of Leadership

Teacher

Communicator

Encourager

Humble Servant

Visionary

Jesus Christ
Leaders... Share the Vision

John 4:34-36 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Colossians 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.
I Thessalonians 1:4-8 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you... You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere.
Be a Visionary...

Leaders...Pray for success and opportunities

Nehemiah 1:11 “O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man."

Michael’s story
Be a Visionary...

Leaders...Focus on the ultimate goal

1 Corinthians 9:19. Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.
Be a Visionary...

BOTTOM Line:

Christian leaders look ahead to the future, making the most of every opportunity to reflect God’s love and to share his saving truth with others. NOW.
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Leaders...Speak the Truth
Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Crucial Conversations
Tyranny of the “or” vs. Power of the “and”
Be a Communicator...

Leaders...Communicate and model the behavior they expect

Ephesians 5:1-2 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Leaders...Show respect for everyone

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Brian’s Story
Be a Communicator...

BOTTOM Line

Through effective communication, a Christian leader models, mentors and teaches others to show respect and love to our neighbor.
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Leaders...Remember what’s in it for others, not themselves

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
Be a Humble Servant...

Leaders...Realize it’s about ‘God’, and not about ‘me’

Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Leaders... View leadership as an opportunity to serve

Mark 10:42-45

“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

~Albert Schweitzer
Be a Humble Servant...

Level 5 Leader

*Good to Great* by Jim Collins

Personal Humility + Professional Will
Be a Humble Servant...

Leaders...Reflect God’s upside-down model of humility

Mark 9:35  If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.

Robin’s Story
Be a Humble Servant...

**BOTTOM Line**

A Christian leader has the mind of Christ, becomes the hands of Christ, and remembers the results are from His goodness alone.
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Communicator  Humble Servant

Visionary

Jesus Christ
Be a Teacher...

Leaders...Teach others how to serve

Example is Influence

Leaders...Support and strengthen

1 Corinthians 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.
Be a Teacher...

Leaders...Honor the biblical callings of Head and Helper
I Corinthians 11:3 [T]he head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.
Titus 2: 3,5 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good...so that no one will malign the word of God.
Be a Teacher...

BOTTOM Line:

A Christian leader is a servant who teaches and shows others the way
Be an Encourager...

Leaders...Build others up

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Acts 11:22-24 When he (Barnabas – which means “Son of encouragement”) arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.
Be an Encourager...

Leaders...Give glory to God

Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Scott and Steve
Be an Encourager...

BOTTOM Line:

Christian leaders inspire others by their constant encouragement
Leadership Challenge

• 2 Corinthians 10:5
  “The center of man’s being thus becomes fully subject to the lordship of Christ.”

• Have been chosen
• Have a race to run
• Have a high calling
Be...a Star!

- Philippians 2:14-16
Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.
follower \( \text{f\-lə-wər} \)

1. One who subscribes to the teachings or methods of another; an adherent
2. A servant; a subordinate.
3. A fan; an enthusiast.
4. One that imitates or copies another