

“Leadership is the art and science of inspiring others to reach their full potential in the pursuit of a common vision”

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Today Scripture Reference
[Romans 12:8 NIV](#) •

if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; **if it is leadership**, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

[1 Corinthians 12:28 NIV](#)

And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, , those able to help others, those with **gifts of administration**, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.



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The TCL E-Leadership Resource “Just Do It” For His Kingdom!

It has been a couple of weeks for you to ponder the question I left with you in the last issue, that being "Why do you do what you do?" To put it another way for leaders, you might ask "Why am I leading the people I lead?" God gave me a strong sense of what it takes to "inspire others to reach their full potential in the pursuit of a common vision." One might question if that statement is too bold, given that I myself have not accomplished any extraordinarily public vision. On the other hand, I will not apologize for it either. So far, God has yet to give me a highly public vision to lead. You may not have one either and you don't need one. We need good leaders in conspicuous and inconspicuous places.

While you personally do not have to be conspicuous, I would suggest that your purpose be highly visible. When I have embraced the right vision, been given the right authority, and inspired with the right purpose, God has blessed my leadership.

If you are a Christian business person leading a number of unbelievers you may wonder why you would explain to them your Kingdom purpose. You might think it is a waste of time. However I don't. I cannot help but think that in those times my unbelieving employees listened to what God was doing in my life, that it reminded me of 1 Cor 7:14 where it says "*For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband.*" I can remember that even my unbelieving employees found contentment in the company leader's morals and felt good about it.

Question - have you identified a kingdom purpose and told the people you lead what it is? Was it the truth? Remember that for the most part, the extent that the followers believe you is a fairly accurate measure of how true it is. Show me a Christian businessman who laments this hard economy with their employees yet spends freely on their own pleasures and you might find unimpressed and uninspired followers. At these times, their kingdom purpose might be in question ... if they even have one.

Do you believe the following statement? "If you are a Christian and you have been given the spiritual gift of leadership, then all of your leadership life is spiritual."

I have found that half believe it and half don't. I can remember the day when I would not have believed it. Those were the days that I compartmentalized my life between my work in the world and my work at church. There came a time when I realized that God gave me the gift of leadership so I could use it ALL the time. It was only then that I began to understand that what I did in my business life was for a kingdom purpose, and therefore, so was ALL of my life in leadership.

There is no doubt that there is a special reward for those who preach the gospel, voluntarily or compelled. However, I suspect the reward for business people who have a similar intensity toward a kingdom purpose for their business might just enjoy more eternal rewards than the minister who ministers with self-serving motives. (please pastors ... no letters!)

Let us use all our leadership life for His kingdom ... 24/7. Just do it ... for Him ... all the time.