
Leadership Principles from Philippians

Pray for Them (Engage Others)

Leader, how often do you pray? When you pray, do you intercede for those under your care? Always? Does praying for them bring you joy?

Php 1:3-4 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy (NKJV)

Insecurity (Demonstrate Core Values)

We all want to feel secure, even a leader who appears strong to others. One source of insecurity for leaders is a sense of being inadequate for the responsibility of leadership. While viewing this from our own strength, that is a valid concern; however, we don't need to rely on our own strength. We can be confident that Christ will continue to develop us as we lean on Him [[Php 1:6](#)].

Leader Motives (Demonstrate Core Values)

The biggest barrier to leading like Jesus is a heart filled with self-interest. Do you look out for the interests of others as Paul advises in [Philippians 2:1-4](#)? What are your motives as a leader? Is it to gain possessions or power or is it because God has called you to use your gifts to serve others?

Press Toward the Mark (Lay a Path)

[Philippians 3:12-14](#) is a wonderful passage for leaders to memorize. Write out the passage. Make an effort to memorize it. Let it remind you to press toward the mark.

Your Example (Demonstrate Core Values)

As a leader you have a higher level of accountability. One reason is that others look to you as an example. Are you confident that you are setting a good example? Would you be comfortable telling others to do the things they see you do and say the things they hear you say [[Php 4:9](#)]?