
Leadership Principles from Psalms

Supreme Authority (Demonstrate Core Values)

Reflect on these words from the resolution that Abraham Lincoln signed during the Civil War.

Whereas, the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the Supreme Authority and just Government of Almighty God, in all the affairs of men and of nations, has, by a resolution, requested the President to designate and set apart a day for National prayer and humiliation. And whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.

Now read [Psalm 33:12-22](#) and [James 4:6](#).

Pray that God helps you be a humble leader fully aware of the authority in your life.

Your Strength (Demonstrate Core Values)

Intellectually, you may know that any strength you have comes from God. Have you developed this knowledge into understanding? In other words, do you behave as if your strength comes from God ([Psa 68:28](#))? Is your desire, like David's, to have God finish His good work in you? If it is, you have no cause to fear and you have no cause to boast. You simply have cause to praise the Lord!

Your Tombstone (Demonstrate Core Values)

If God was going to write something to put on your tombstone, what do you wish He would say?

Each of us has a limited time here on earth.

We live in a society that tends to deny death. It doesn't help to become obsessed with thoughts of death; however, pretending you will live forever is foolish. Looking at the limits of your life from God's perspective, is the wise choice. [Psalm 90](#) can help you do that.

What are the key things that you want others to notice in your life?

Make a list of the key character qualities or values that you would like to reflect in the remainder of your life.

Search me, O God (Demonstrate Core Values)

Listen to your heart's yearning for God.

Your flesh tries to rule you. Fight against it. Realize how its pleasures last only a short time.

Break the bondage by continuing to think of the eternal. Listen to God's Spirit and submit. Give Him an opportunity to speak to you through: your prayer time, your Bible reading, your serving, and your praise. Yield control to the Spirit.

Psalm 139:23-24 is David's honest prayer to God. He humbly says, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." The God-first leader is the one who daily prays this kind of prayer. Ask God to search your heart and motives. Ask your Heavenly Father to examine you and reveal to you the areas where you are lacking. Hear from God. Do what He says. That's true leadership!