
Leadership Principles from Romans

Caring for Those Under Your Care (Engage Others)

Leader, how do you view your relationship with those under your care? Do you thank God for them ([Rom 1:8-12](#))? Do you pray for them (how often)? Do you long to strengthen them spiritually? Does your mutual faith with them comfort you? Can you honestly say the following to them?

- I appreciate you ([Rom 1:8](#)).
- I pray for you ([Rom 1:9](#)).
- I want to serve you ([Rom 1:11](#)).
- I want to strengthen you ([Rom 1:12](#)).

Is this your attitude? What are you doing NOW to ensure that it becomes and remains your attitude?

Why Suffer? (Demonstrate Core Values)

How mature are you as a leader ([Rom 5:1-5](#))? **If you are running from tribulation, you may be running from the people God wants you to reach.** Afflictions are God's method of developing patience in you. You might not like it at the time, but God's timetable is different from yours! Get used to it. Embrace it. Anticipate it. Dare to love it.

Life Interrupted (Engage Others)

Eternity in Hell cannot make up for what Christ endured ([Rom 5:14-16](#)). Hell is not an equal punishment for an equal crime. **God interrupted His own existence to make a way for us into Heaven.** Sometimes we don't serve God properly because we don't appreciate what happened on Calvary. If God was willing to interrupt His existence for you, to what degree are you willing to interrupt your life for those under your care?

Your New Identity (Demonstrate Core Values)

Does your view of yourself, your new identity in Christ, align with how God sees you ([Rom 6:1-14](#))? "When you see as God sees, you'll do as God says." When you see your identity as God sees it, what will that do to your confidence, hope, and witness? What can you do to help others recognize their new identities?

Target on Your Back (Demonstrate Your Values)

It takes a lifetime to build your character and a second to destroy it. As a leader, it is vital that you keep yourself close to Jesus. Why? Because, if you are influencing others and making waves for the Kingdom, you have a giant **target on your back**. It is because of this that you need to master your struggles by being willing to bring them out into the light. Paul did that. He was humble enough to admit his shortcomings. Does [Romans 7:15-25](#) remind you of your struggles? Ask a friend to hold you accountable. Your leadership and legacy might depend on it!

More Than a Conqueror (Demonstrate Core Values)

Paul said in [Romans 8:37](#) that, “in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” This is a powerful reminder for leaders. If you continue to “seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness” ([Mat 6:33](#)), you will be amazed at how your life and leadership will exemplify this truth about being more than a conqueror!

Servant Leader Self-assess (Demonstrate Core Values)

Using [Romans 12:9-21](#), evaluate yourself as a **servant leader**. For each characteristic, to what degree does it describe you? How would others rate you?

vs	characteristic	not at all	1	2	3	4	high degree	5
9	sincerely loving	1	2	3	4	5		
10	kind	1	2	3	4	5		
11	hard-working	1	2	3	4	5		
12	patient in trials	1	2	3	4	5		
12	prayerful	1	2	3	4	5		
13	giving	1	2	3	4	5		
15	compassionate	1	2	3	4	5		
16	agreeable,humble	1	2	3	4	5		
17	forgiving	1	2	3	4	5		

(For extra credit, have someone rate you. Then discuss the ratings.)

Don't Be a Stumbling Block (Engage Others)

You can define spiritual leadership as “moving people from where they are to where God wants them to be.” As you mature spiritually, you come to better grasp the extent of your liberty in Christ. As a leader, you will interact with others of varying stages of spiritual development. In what way could your behaviors become a **stumbling block** to others ([Rom 14:19-22](#))? If your behaviors are a stumbling block to others, how does this harm you spiritually? How are you moving people - at various stages - from where they ARE to where God wants them to BE?

Your Prayer Requests (Engage Others)

Read [Romans 15:30-33](#). What types of prayer requests do you take to those closest to you? What types of prayer requests do you take to your church body? What types of prayer requests do you take to God?

Praise Them (Engage Others)

In [Romans 16](#), Paul asked that the Romans accept and acknowledge a specific list of people who have been faithfully serving alongside him. How often do you publicly praise those who faithfully serve with you? How often do you make requests on their behalf?