

Leadership Principles from 1Timothy

Qualifications for Leadership (Demonstrate Core Values)

The qualifications for leadership in [1Timothy 3:1-13](#) are a great benchmark for leadership in any arena (social sector, nonprofit, business, or educational). Review this list. Make notes of where you need to improve. This will be a great, but humbling, leadership activity!

Know and Use Your Gifts (Demonstrate Core Values)

As leaders, we are responsible to God for how we use the gifts He has given us. Paul told Timothy to not neglect the gift that was in him ([1Tim 4:14](#)). Do you know what “gift” you have from the Lord? If you don’t, read [Romans 12:1-8](#) and [1Corinthians 12:1-26](#) to prayerfully discover your gifts. Once you know your gift(s), find practical ways to give yourself entirely to them. How can you take your leadership to the next level? Here are some practical ways:

- Surround yourself with people who are ahead of you in their leadership.
- Ask questions.
- Read books related to your gifts.
- Listen to podcasts.
- Go to conferences.

Do whatever it takes to fan into flame the gifts that God has given you!

Become the Leader God Desires (Demonstrate Core Values)

Reflect on the following actions that can help you become the leader God desires.

Live a godly life	1Tim 4:12 1Pet 1:15
Read God’s Word	1Tim 4:13 Rom 15:4
Use your gifts well	1Tim 4:14 1Pet 4:10
Commit to ministry	1Tim 4:15 1Cor 16:15
Continue in sound doctrine	1Tim 4:16 1Pet 5:8-9

Leadership Slogans (Demonstrate Core Values)

Consider three slogans to help you remember your responsibilities as a leader.

Flee and follow 1Tim 6:11	Flee pride, greed, and temptation (2Tim 2:22). Follow God's Word.
Fight the good fight 1Tim 6:12	Fight to be faithful, clinging to God's calling (2Tim 4:7).
Be blameless 1Tim 6:13-14	Keep without spot. Earn the crown of righteousness (2Tim 4:8). Guard against the bad influences of the world (Jas 1:27).