

FOLLOW

THE LEADER

WEEK 2 NOTES MAY 15

KEY THOUGHTS

- The only leader we follow for a lifetime is Jesus. (Colossians 1:18)
- However, Leadership is important in life and in the church. We've all seen the effects of leadership both good and bad in different areas of life (civic, church, family, business)
- In a vacuum of leadership, leaders will emerge (and my not be the ones you want).
- Over time, you become more like your leaders.
- All of us should desire the goal to grow and lead in different ways. Remember that leadership is posture long before it's a position.
- We should all desire leadership that is spiritual vitality evidenced in life.
- Four Categories of Qualities Paul gives Timothy for Leaders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
- A Leader has a Respected Reputation
- A Leader has a Calming & Considerate Character

A Leader can Discern & Distinguish Truth from Error

A Leader Has a Legacy of Leading Well

Why is character so important in leadership (versus skills)? Incompetence frustrates us but corruption infuriates us.

SCRIPTURE

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Colossians 1:18
- Colossians 4:6

REFLECTION & ACTION STEPS

- What would the people who know you the best say about my character and reputation?
- To those desiring leadership: If you feel frustrated that you are not a leader, pray that the Lord prepare you and give you a posture of leadership so you'll be prepared for the position when He chooses.
- To those feeling unqualified for leadership: If God can use a murderer (Paul), a coward (Peter), and an adulteress (Mary) as important leaders and influencers in the early church, then why can't he use you? Are you making yourself available (having a posture) to serve as He calls you?