

The Handbook for Business, the Bible

#23: The gift of leadership

Romans 12:8 - If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously - NLT

Leadership is a GIFT in the church; in life; in business.

Some are given the gift & have the ability to lead & do so wisely, taking full responsibility

But others (most) lead without the gift or the ability: a major cause of organisation failure

- * Thrust into the role due to ownership, family position, promotion, experience or \$\$

For Christian business owners: the rightful owner has a plan & invites you to be part of it:

- * That is, the leader - you lead others in pursuit of a Godly vision
- * He provides you with a systems & procedures manual = The Handbook
- * He provides you with key success principles to learn, understand & implement
- * He requires the business be used for His glory

Paul exhorts believers "not to neglect the gift that is in you..." - 1 Timothy 4:14

- * That means first recognising the gift you have; if it's leadership, then lead
- * Leadership is defined as - guardian or protector of your followers
- * So, rather than being IN CHARGE your role is to care for those IN YOUR CHARGE
- * We know the greatest leaders are to be servants, as Jesus commands...and as He was

A Godly leader leads a team within the business and a business within the marketplace:

- * They are called to serve with excellence, honesty, diligence, humility, compassion, etc
- * To be ambassadors of Christ & beacons of light (Matt 5:16) as the world looks on
- * As issues arise, He expects leaders to seek direction from & be obedient to Handbook

The fruit of poor and ungodly leadership is evident everywhere in our nation today:

- * In government; in education; in politics; in the economy; media; even the church
- * But especially in the marketplace - your marketplace is crying out for leadership
- * And this is indeed YOUR opportunity, especially post-Covid

The fruit of servant leadership is success and endurance of the organisation:

- * These leaders develop people, create culture, delegate & make world a better place

Jesus used a great formula to lead his followers & train them to take over:

- * He did the work - they watched
- * He did the work - they helped
- * They did the work - He watched
- * They did the work - He left
- * They kept doing the work & teaching others...and here we are 2000 years later!

If YOU have been given the gift of leadership you must take that responsibility seriously:

- * YOU are the leader, LEAD!