

LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES FROM THE PASTORAL EPISTLES¹

1 Timothy

- 1) The leader must deal with false doctrine within the church- 1 Timothy 1:3-7
- 2) The leader must be committed to prayer- 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- 3) The leader must have good character- 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- 4) The leader is discerning enough to point out theological and doctrinal errors- 1 Timothy 4:6
- 5) The leader practices spiritual disciplines in order to grow in godliness- 1 Timothy 4:7b-8
- 6) The leader needs to practice characteristics of spiritual maturity- 1 Timothy 4:12
- 7) The leader must give attention to his ministerial competencies such as exhortation and the teaching of the Word- 1 Timothy 4:13
- 8) The leader must know, practice, and develop his spiritual gift- 1 Timothy 4:14
- 9) The leader must put in the time and effort to grow and serve- 1 Timothy 4:15
- 10) The leader must pay close attention to himself and to his teaching- 1 Timothy 4:16
- 11) The leader has full authority and warrant to rebuke those in error but must do so in a proper manner- 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 19-20
- 12) The leader has the full responsibility to take care of his own family or else he disqualifies himself in his teaching, his ministry, and his witness- 1 Timothy 5:8
- 13) The leader should be taken care of monetarily especially if he does ministry well (i.e. in preaching and teaching- 1 Timothy 5:17-18
- 14) The leader has the responsibility to not place other leaders into positions too hastily- 1 Timothy 5:21-22
- 15) The leader should conduct himself in an honorable manner showing respect to others- 1 Timothy 6:1-2
- 16) The leader should find great contentment in his own relationship with the Lord and in his pursuit towards godliness- 1 Timothy 6:6-8
- 17) The leader should not love money or riches but be generous and rich in good works- 1 Timothy 6:10; 17-19
- 18) The leader should show a lifestyle of pursuing God the things of God- 1 Timothy 6:11-12

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2 Timothy

- 1) The leader serves with a clear conscience- 2 Timothy 1:3
- 2) The leader recognizes and utilizes his spiritual gift to the fullest- 2 Timothy 1:6
- 3) The leader is not passive but strong in the power, love, and discipline of God- 2 Timothy 1:7
- 4) The leader is not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus and is willing to suffer for His sake- 2 Timothy 1:8
- 5) The leader has a strong sense of calling from God in order to serve His purposes- 2 Timothy 1:9
- 6) The leader will retain and guard biblical truths and standards through the power of the Holy Spirit- 2 Timothy 1:13-14
- 7) The leader depends on the grace of Christ Jesus in order to be strong- 2 Timothy 2:1
- 8) The leader has a long-term plan in training up future groups of leaders- 2 Timothy 2:2
- 9) The leader is willing to suffer hardship as a good soldier of Christ Jesus- 2 Timothy 2:3-4
- 10) The leader competes according to the rules like a good athlete- 2 Timothy 2:5
- 11) The leader is patient like a hard-working farmer as he waits for the share of the crops- 2 Timothy 2:6
- 12) The leader always remembers Jesus Christ- 2 Timothy 2:8
- 13) The leader suffers and endures hardship as a part of his calling- 2 Timothy 2:9-10
- 14) The leader is careful not to wrangle about words and reminds others to do the same- 2 Timothy 2:14
- 15) The leader is diligent to accurately handle the word of truth- 2 Timothy 2:15
- 16) The leader avoids worldly and empty chatter which leads to ungodliness- 2 Timothy 2:16
- 17) The leader who names the name of the Lord abstains from wickedness- 2 Timothy 2:19
- 18) The leader cleanses and maintains his body in an honorable manner- 2 Timothy 2:20-21
- 19) The leader flees youthful lusts and pursues righteousness- 2 Timothy 2:22

- 20) The leader refuses foolish and ignorant speculations because it causes trouble- 2 Timothy 2:23
- 21) The leader takes on the posture of a bond-servant of the Lord and demonstrates kindness, patience, and gentleness even against opposition- 2 Timothy 2:24-25
- 22) The leader recognizes the negative traits of the last days- 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- 23) The leader understands that he will be persecuted in his pursuit of godliness- 2 Timothy 3:10-12
- 24) The leader will act upon what he has learned due to his convictions- 2 Timothy 3:14
- 25) The leader depends on the inspired Word of God to teach, reprove, correct, and train others in righteousness- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 26) The leader preaches the Word in season and out of season with great skill and patience- 2 Timothy 4:2
- 27) The leader needs to endure hardship, do evangelism, and fulfill his ministry responsibilities- 2 Timothy 4:5
- 28) The leader needs to finish well as he looks forward to the future rewards of Christ- 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- 29) The leader is prepared for possible betrayals- 2 Timothy 4:10
- 30) The leader looks for potential in future leaders- 2 Timothy 4:11
- 31) The leader is aware of and cautious about harmful opposition- 2 Timothy 4:14-15

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Titus

- 1) The leader will need to re-build the ministry when necessary- Titus 1:5
- 2) The leader must exemplify godly character in order to be qualified for leadership- Titus 1:6-9a
- 3) The leader must know the Word of God well in order to be able to exhort in sound doctrine as well as refute those who contradict- Titus 1:9b
- 4) The leader must be able to speak and teach sound doctrine- Titus 2:1
- 5) The leader should be able to mentor younger leaders in character and virtue- Titus 2:2-8
- 6) The leader realizes that the grace of God instructs believers to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age- Titus 2:11-12
- 7) The leader models godly submission to the government and to authority- Titus 3:1-2
- 8) The leader demonstrates a clear integration of faith and works because of God's kindness and the washing and renewing of the Holy Spirit- Titus 3:5-8
- 9) The leader does not entangle himself in unprofitable discussions and controversies but rather avoids these worthless situations- Titus 3:9
- 10) The leader avoids and rejects factious and troubled people- Titus 3:10-11