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\*JESUS: OUR TRUE LEADER\*   
  
In Proverbs 29:2, the bible says:   
"When the Godly are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan".  
  
Put simply, the major bane of every society: group, company, organizations and nations is that of good leadership.  
  
This issue cut across and   transcend racial, political, social, religious and tribal entities.  
  
However in the Christendom, a duty is placed on us to set the record straight;  by emulating our \*Lord Jesus:\* who has set good examples for us to follow.  
  
Without doubt, the \*Bible\* 📖 remains the only complete book ever written;  It contains \*ALL\* issues of life; including that of  leadership.  
Joshua 1:8.  
  
Join me has we  delve into the "pool of knowledge"; going through  the word of God.  
  
\*Prayer\* :Father sanctify us with your truth; your Word is truth"📖 Amen.   
John 17:17.   
  
The following are some of the attributes that qualify a person as a true leader:  
  
✅ A true leader is God chosen: ordained and anointed by God.  
  
JESUS Christ, who is the Head (Leader) of the Church.Eph 5:23  
says:   
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me., because He hath \*anointed\* me to preach...."  
Luke 4:18.  
  
To lead the people of Isreal; God sought for Moses and empowered him for the task.  
Exodus 3:10-22.  
  
In Acts 9:15: Our Lord Jesus spoke of Saul of Tarsus (Apostle Paul) :a true leader as:  
" \*he is a chosen vessel unto ME, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and children of Israel".\*   
  
✅  A true leader delegates and not imposes his opinion on  people.  
  
Jesus chose twelve disciples when he started His ministry; He later assembled another 70 for evangelism and then He had the 3 close disciples in Peter, James and John.  
John:1 :37-51.  
  
He entrusted certain tasks,   
to them according to their capabilities  
Matthew 10:5-42  
  
Moses too, appointed able judges and officials and made them leaders over the people. Exodus 18:24-26.  
  
A true leader does not only delegates; he empowers and  leaves the people to direct their affairs themselves, without undue interference.  
  
Aptly puts, he makes more leaders and not followers.  
  
Only a bad leader takes decisions unilaterally and impose them on his followers as collective decisions to affect them.  
  
✅ A true leader exchibits integrity in all things.   
  
Prophet Samuel a true leader who God used to lead Israel before choosing a king for them asked the people about his character and the people replied him:   
  
"You have not cheated or oppressed us , you have not taken anything from anyone's hand".   
1 Samuel 12:4.  
  
A leader's test of  Integrity does lie on how he views himself but rather more on his antecedents.  
  
In John 1:47 our Lord Jesus saw Nathanael (who later became a disciple) and said to him:  
  
" \*Now here is a genuine son of Isreal -a man of complete integrity ".\*   
  
A true leader does not use manipulations to lead.   
  
If you are the type that your self esteem rises because of what you say about yourself and what Men- Pleasers say about you; then you lack integrity  
  
Ruminates well on this!   
  
✅ A true leader is a good listener.   
  
In James 1:19 the bible says: "My beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath".   
  
A true leader must have  listening ears to God and the good counsels of people God has placed around him.   
  
Moses listened to the advice of Jethro his father -in-Law ; to choose able men to delegate some duties to. Exodus18: 17-23  
  
"Listen to advice and accept discipline and you will be wise for the rest of your life"  
Prov 19:20 .  
  
✅A true leader is upright and  consistent in his words and deeds.   
  
Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works and in your teaching show integrity and dignity.  
Titus 2:7 .  
  
A true leader is consistent and decisive. He is not influenced to change decision arbituarily.  
  
A true leader treats everyone equally; irrespective of the class, tribe and religion.  
  
"What is good for the goose is also good for the gander"  
  
✅A true leader is humble enough to admit mistakes and say "sorry".  
  
"There is no better test of a man's integrity than his behaviour when he is wrong " :  
Marvin Williams.  
  
If you are in a position of leadership and all you do when things go wrong is pointing accusing fingers at people under you; then you are definitely not a true leader.  
  
A true leader takes responsibility when things go wrong; that is why you are put in charge!  
  
Moses always go to God onbehalf of the Isrealites to beg for forgiveness and sometimes takes their blame. Exodus 32:32   
  
✅ A true leader derives pleasure in service.  
  
Jesus said :  
" \*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant"\*   
  
A true leader leads by example; being of service to others.  
  
In Exodus 18:13  
Moses served as judge for the people and they stood around him from morning till evening.  
  
✅A true leader guides his speeches and actions wisely.  
  
1 Timothy 4:16 :  
Watch your life and doctrine closely; persevere in them, because if you do ,you will save both yourself and your hearers.  
  
Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble.  
Prov. 21:23.  
  
If you claim to be religious and does not control your tongue; you are fooling yourself and your religion is worthless"  
James 1:26.  
  
✅A true leader does not quit because there are challenges; rather he seeks God and other people's counsel for solution.   
  
The bible says :where there is no counsel the people fall, but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.  
Proverbs 11:14.  
  
If you faint in the day of adversity your strength is small.Prov 24:10  
  
📢Listen to the   
\*Crux\* of the whole matter:   
  
God says this message is for \*one person\*   
:if you know it relates to you very well or you know someone that fits the discription.  
  
Warn the fellow!   
The Lord brings low and lift up!  
1 Sam :2:7.  
  
\*God says:\*   
"Instead of you heeding to His corrections; you have resorted to attacks and  "publicity stunts" to discredit your perceived threat- Person in whom is the \*Spirit of God".\*   
  
\*Stop now!\* Note, "all your actions and words will be used against you when the time comes for you to give account here on earth"  
  
Wherever you are placed as a  leader: lead with the fear of God.   
  
God is watching!   
  
\*He that hath ears to hear,let him hear"\*  
Matthew 12:15.  
  
Shalom.  
  
Signed, Bro Cole