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SCHOOL OF MINISTRY  
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL LESSON 9  
WISDOM FOR LIVING

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give to you** the spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation** in the **knowledge** of Him, the eyes of your **understanding** being **enlightened**...  
*Ephesians 1:17*

### INTRODUCTION

In this penultimate session, we are going to wade through some principles that apply to and work for Leaders in all cultures, ages and everywhere. A principle or precept is like a LAW which does not care about colour, class, or context, it will deliver for whoever uses it.

*A person who operates principles is wise than the person who operates by facts.  
Mile Munroe.*

Facts may change, but principles do not change. A principle helps to decipher life and situations and removes the fogginess or blurred edges wherever we find ourselves. Whenever anyone clings to or locks themselves unto WISDOM, they will find that they operate wise values and principles that will make them a better version of themselves. Wisdom brings out the original YOU as God created you to be.

### #1 Transformation and Change are a product of true Leadership.

Anywhere real leadership lands, there will be a shift in attitude or alteration of the status quo. Moses, Gideon, David are just a few biblical examples of Men who moved the walls of limitation that confronted them and their community.

<sup>51</sup> Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. <sup>52</sup> Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of <sup>[e]</sup>the valley and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell along the road to Shaaraim, even as far as Gath and Ekron  
*1 Samuel 17:51-52*



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**#2 Freedom Is the Language and Currency of Good Leadership**

*When the righteous <sup>[a]</sup>are in authority, the people rejoice;  
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.  
Proverbs 29:2*

<sup>17</sup> *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom].  
2 Corinthians 3:17*

**#3 True Leaders Value and Serve Humanity**

<sup>16</sup> *Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and [recognize and honour and] glorify your Father who is in heaven.  
Matthew 5:16*

**#4 Leaders Make Things Happen**

<sup>6</sup> *Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armour, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD will work for us. For nothing restrains the LORD from saving by many or by few."  
1 Samuel 14*

**#5 Good Leaders Value Character Over Charisma**

<sup>6</sup> *So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have <sup>[a]</sup>refused him. For <sup>[a]</sup>the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."  
1 Samuel 16:6-7*

**#6 Leaders Are Driven By Vision**

<sup>8</sup> *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; <sup>10</sup> for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.  
Hebrews 11:8-10*



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### #7 Leaders Share Their Values

<sup>45</sup> *A good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil <sup>11</sup>treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

*Luke 6:45 good man out of the*

### #8 Leaders Value Teamwork

*And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

*Matthew 10:1*

### #9 Leaders Live Out Their Example

<sup>12</sup> *Let no one <sup>10</sup>despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, <sup>11</sup>in spirit, in faith, in purity*

*1 Timothy 4:12*

### The Pauline Standard of Leadership

1 Timothy Chapter 3

**3** This is a faithful *and* trustworthy saying: if any man [eagerly] seeks the office of <sup>1</sup>overseer (bishop, superintendent), he desires an excellent task. <sup>2</sup> Now an overseer must be blameless *and* beyond reproach, the husband of one wife, self-controlled, sensible, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,

<sup>3</sup> not addicted to wine, not <sup>4</sup>a bully *nor* quick-tempered *and* hot-headed, but gentle *and* considerate, free from the love of money [not greedy for wealth and its inherent power—financially ethical]. <sup>4</sup> *He must* manage his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity [keeping them respectful and well-behaved]

<sup>5</sup> (for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?). <sup>6</sup> *and He must* not be a new convert, so that he will not [behave stupidly and] become conceited [by appointment to this high office] and fall into the [same] condemnation incurred by the devil [for his arrogance and pride].



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<sup>7</sup> And he must have a good reputation *and* be well thought of by those outside *the church*, so that he will not be discredited and fall into the devil's trap.<sup>8</sup> ¶ Deacons likewise *must* be men worthy of respect [honourable, financially ethical, of good character], not double-tongued [speakers of half-truths], not addicted to wine, not greedy for dishonest gain,

<sup>9</sup> but upholding *and* fully understanding the mystery [that is, the true doctrine] of the [Christian] faith with a clear conscience [resulting from behaviour consistent with spiritual maturity]. <sup>10</sup> These men must first be tested; then if they are found to be blameless *and* beyond reproach [in their Christian lives], let them serve as deacons.

<sup>11</sup> ¶ Women must likewise be worthy of respect, not malicious gossips, but self-controlled, [thoroughly] trustworthy in all things. <sup>12</sup> Deacons must be husbands of *only* one wife, and good managers of *their* children and their own households. <sup>13</sup> For those who have served well as deacons gain a high standing [having a good reputation among the congregation], and great confidence in the faith which is [founded on and centred] in Christ Jesus.

### HOMEWORK

Go over previous sessions in the series and reflect on what we have learnt so far. Reflect on your own leadership style. What type is it and where can you improve?