

## Briefing Document: Characteristics of a Christian Leader

This briefing summarizes key themes and ideas from the "Leadership Pt. 2: 6/15/2025" session, with a focus on the characteristics of a Christian leader. It also includes community updates and announcements shared during the session.

### I. Community Announcements and Updates

- Memory Verse: Psalm 26:1 – "Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the Lord; I shall not slip."
- Weekly Lessons: Ongoing activities include Sunday Bible studies, fellowship time, evening services, and Wednesday gatherings.
- Teachers Needed: Volunteers needed for Children's Church (Kindergarten–4th grade) at 10:45 AM. Curriculum provided (currently studying Acts). Teaching is seen as a spiritually rewarding opportunity.
- Prayer Meeting: Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the church library. Open to all.
- Women's Fellowship: Scheduled for Saturday, June 21 at 10:00 AM.
- Lord's Supper and Baptisms: Next Sunday includes communion and two baptisms.
- Church App: Available on Google Play and Apple App Store. Includes church directory, sermon notes/videos, and a prayer wall.
- Newsletter Contributions: Needed for July and August—event info, general updates, and testimonies. Written testimonies are encouraged for those hesitant to speak publicly.
- Jokes for Pastor Steve: Requested contributions to share humor.
- Father's Day: Acknowledgment and celebration.
- Prayer Requests:
  - - Ashley (daughter): for wisdom and sound judgment.
  - - Sharon (cousin in Fargo, ND): healing after a fall and strength for her husband, Wayne.
  - - One unspoken request.

### II. Characteristics of a Christian Leader

This section highlights the biblical qualities of a Christian leader, expanding on both the morning and evening sessions. These traits apply not only to leadership roles but to Christian living in general.

#### A. Morning Session Recap

##### *Integrity*

- Be a person of your word. Fulfill your commitments.
- Live out Christian values beyond church walls—be a light in the world.
- Speak truthfully, avoid deception, and refrain from gossip.

### *Self-Awareness*

- Understand your strengths and limitations.
- Ask God to search your heart and reveal areas for growth (Psalm 139:1–4).
- Humility allows God to work in us and prevents pride from taking control.

### *Communication*

- Practice active listening and clear speaking.
- Develop intentional communication with God—prayer is vital.
- Body language can reflect sincerity or insincerity.

## **B. Evening Session – Additional Leadership Traits**

### *Accountability*

- Be accountable to God and to others. We will each give an account of ourselves to God (Romans 14:12).
- Accountability promotes spiritual growth and prevents isolation.
- Biblical basis: Romans 12:10, Galatians 6:2, Colossians 3:13, Hebrews 10:24.

### *Vision*

- Leaders need God-given, spiritual vision for their lives, families, and ministries.
- Vision should align with God's will and be confirmed through Scripture.
- Examples: Noah, Joseph, Isaiah, Jesus, Peter, Paul, John, Zechariah (Zechariah 1:1–11).
- God blesses visionaries who faithfully deliver His message.

### *Decision-Making*

- Decisions affect both the individual and those around them—positively or negatively.
- Learn from poor biblical decisions (e.g., Saul, Judas, Jonah) and good ones (e.g., Paul, Mary, Daniel).
- Seek wisdom (Proverbs 4:7) and make decisions that glorify God.

### *Servanthood*

- Great leaders serve others (Matthew 20:26–28).
- True humility is not complacency but prioritizing others and putting God first.
- Ways to serve: pray, check in, encourage, forgive, share Scripture, and uplift.

The session closed with prayer, asking God for wisdom to apply these principles in everyday life to bring Him glory.