LEADERSHIP FUNDAMENTALS:
Uncovering the Missing Links

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We recognize that:

- The Bible is not a story book, it is the creator’s manual for living – *Jn. 6:63*
The Bible is not a ‘make-believe’ book, it is a proven manual for profitable living – 2Tim. 3:16-17
The Bible is not a religious book, it’s a manual for maximized destiny – *Deut. 28:1-13*
The Bible is not a mystical book to be conjured, but a practical manual to be applied – *Jn. 21:5-6*
Engaging the principles of scriptures will make a star of any dummy

– *Is. 60:1-8/22*
• I consider the Bible as the most authentic, the most reliable, and dependable text on leadership.
• Its content delivers under all circumstances equal or unequal.
• The potency of biblical principles are universal.
• Biblical principles deliver at the same rate colour or race not withstanding.
• But Biblical principles guarantee results only when put to work.
• It is taking responsibility that makes a living
• Noting that, faith is no guess work, faith is putting God’s word to work.
LEADERSHIP DEFINED
1. It’s not occupying a position, it’s making outstanding contributions.

2. Leadership is not occupying a seat, it’s accomplishing a feat.
3. Great leaders are not those with chains of degrees but those who change the world.
4. Outstanding leaders are not those with barrage of titles but those whose impacts constitute footprints on the sand of time.
5. The real worth of a leader is in the value he adds, the contributions he makes, the feats he accomplishes and the impact he engenders.
6. It is not *talking* the lead, it’s *taking* the lead.

7. It is not an appointment, but an attainment.
8. It is not in the titles we wear, but in the values we bear.
9. Leadership is not an endowment, it is an accomplishment.

10. Leadership is not just about leading people, it’s about taking the lead in a given task.
11. Every player in the field of sports is a potential star, but what each player invests in terms of training, self-discipline, dedication, and sacrifice determines which player becomes a star.
12. Productivity makes a manager but responsibility makes a leader
13. Leaders are learners and every committed learner is a potential leader.
14. Leadership is all about taking the lead, setting the pace and blazing the trail in one’s field.
THE STORY OF JAMES OWEN
• The story was told of a high school student that asked his sports coach, ‘I want to become a sports star, what do I do?’ And the coach responded. ‘There are four rungs on the ladder to becoming a star, these include:'
• Determination
• Dedication
• Discipline
• Sacrifice
•But a great coach does not make a star; it is the commitment of the sportsman to the demands of becoming a star that does.’
• This young chap became a 3-Gold medallist at the 1923 Berlin Olympics. His long jump record remained unbroken for 22 years.
•But a great coach never makes a star, it is the commitment and dedication of the sportsman that does.
A great coach may provide a great opportunity to becoming a star, but that does not guarantee becoming a star.
• One can coach a man to run, but the man has to do the running.
• One can coach a man to wrestle; but he has to do the wrestling.
• There is no substitute to sacrifice in the bid for one to become a star.
This is why:

• Decision making is key to a world of exploits.
• Decision making is what makes a leader.
• But while right decision makes a leader, it is timely decision that makes a great leader.
• Indecision is at the root of mediocrity.

• Quality Decision making is a responsibility of every potential leader.
LEADERSHIP COVENANT TERMS
Leadership covenant demands that one discovers its terms from scriptures and align accordingly
5 principal terms of the Leadership Covenant include:

- Vision
- Wisdom
- Self-discipline
- Diligence
- Sacrifice
These terms are drawn from:

*Ecc. 10:5-18* and *
Luk 12:49-50*
Vision

-Eccl. 10:10-
• Without a vision is a people made naked.
• The moment one does not know where he is going, he is sure to get nowhere.
• The first requirement for every potential leader is to locate a direction for his life.

• Until one’s field is defined, his leadership potential may never have expression.
• Lack of vision will make a slave out of any prince.
• Lack of vision will make a peasant out of a king.
• Vision is the number one step in the making of a leader.
• Vision is at the root of outstanding leadership.
Leadership is tied to a well-defined task; that is, knowing what one is out to do, having a clear vision for one’s life.
• Because until one’s task is defined, his leadership potentials cannot have expression.
Today, we talk about a leading entrepreneur, a leading lawyer, a leading academic, a leading preacher, etc.
• Vision, in this context, is not about having a dream, it’s about locating God’s dream for one’s life.
Wisdom

-Eccl. 10:15-
• Wisdom is the ‘know-how’ about a given task.
• But there are no finish lines in the school of wisdom.
• As important as knowing where one is going may be, knowing how to get there is far more important.
• Knowing where one is going is easier to discover than learning how to get there and to stay up there.
• Learning the ‘know-how’ takes time.
• This is why every great leader is a great learner.

• Because it takes learning to rise, and it takes learning to stay up.
For example:

- Daniel an addicted learner remained relevant to the government of Babylon for sixty-five years under three different kings – *Dan. 9:2*
Paul a most outstanding among the Apostles in Bible days, was a man of books, a life-long student of the word – 2Tim. 4:13
• ‘When one stops learning, he starts dying’
  – T. L. Osborn
Abraham Lincoln said, ‘I don’t think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.’
**Henry Ford** once stated, ‘When you stop learning, you are old, whether at twenty or at eighty; and when you keep learning you are young, whether at eighty or at twenty, therefore, the best thing to do is to keep one’s mind young’.
• Simply put, wisdom is applied knowledge, wisdom is not just wise talk, it is the know-how in one’s field
• And Just like knowledge is the principal raw materials for wisdom in the same vein, wisdom is the principal raw material for the making of a leader – 

Pro. 8:15-16
• This is why one may never come across a leader of worth who is not a committed reader.

• Every great leader is a committed reader and every committed reader is a potential leader.
• We cannot sit down wishing to get to the top; we must learn how to climb our way there.

• As I once noted; ‘The top is open and free, but everyone has to make his way there’.
Self-Discipline

-Eccl. 10:16-17-
**Discipline is:**

• Operating as demanded not as convenient in the pursuit of any given task.

• Investing your time instead of spending or squandering it.
• Discipline is being where you should be at the time you should be there, doing what you should be doing as demanded by your task.
• ‘Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; it procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.’

– George Washington
• One may never find an accomplished individual in any field who is not self-disciplined.
• Therefore, Self-discipline is essentially being a law to oneself.
Diligence

-Eccl. 10:18-
• Our working knowledge of the truth will never be a substitute for diligence.
• Hardwork is a must for anyone to emerge a leader. – Jn. 5:17/ Jn. 9:4
• It’s not just grace, grace without labour will result in disgrace. – *1Cor. 15:10*

• It is hardwork that makes high flyers – *Deut. 28:1*
• Nothing works without someone at work!
• Hard work never wears people out, it is wrong work that does.
• Our leadership potentials will never have expression beyond the quality of our engagement.

• Work is a catalyst for the leadership potentials in us to blossom.
• We must have to labour to create the future we desire.
• Where we find ourselves in future is not a product of luck, but a result of our quality of labour today – Pro. 22:29
• It is the quality of our labour that defines our ultimate future.
• In the intensity of our labour lies our future.
Sacrifice

-Lk. 12:49-50-
• Sacrifice is going the extra mile, and paying the extra price.
• It is burning the extra midnight oil.
• Sacrifice is the ultimate price for leadership.
• Sacrifice is a universal demand for the leadership potential in us to find expression.
• To access the topmost place in our field, we must be willing to pay the topmost price.

• No one can ever get out of life more than he is willing to put into it.
THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT EVERY MAN’S STAR IS IN HIMSELF
• The star of every man is embedded in himself – 2Peter 1:19
• There’s a fountain of blessing in each of us – Isa. 65:8
• Every fruit-yielding tree has its seed in itself – *Gen. 1:11-12*

• But selflessness is the manure with which we nurture the seed of global impact in us.
• Inside every seed lies a potential plantation, but the seed has to be planted in the belly of the earth for that potential to be realized.
• Such seed has to subscribe to the heat underneath the earth before it can grow, multiply and impact on lives.

• This is why at the root of exploits is high-level input.
• No life can ever be more impactful than is dedicated.
• No one can make the most of his life without coming out of his comfort zone.
• Until one is willing to change his approach, he cannot improve on his results.
• It is a serious approach that guarantees a glorious outcome.
Thank you
And
God Bless!