

FFT#121: **The Marks of a Christian Leader**

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As citizens of the New Creation, that will be established at the 2nd Coming of Christ [*Isa 65:17; 2 Pet 3:13 & Rev 21:1*], and Ambassadors of Christ on Earth now; **all Christians are called as Leaders in some form or other**. We therefore need to recognize our role within our current society and that of the future Kingdom.... **We are training for reigning...!**

Maturity is not a 'given', as if it happens automatically, maturity is the fruit of investing in our own development as people created by God for His purposes. Our development is the divine partnership of the **Human Will and Divine Grace**. As we yield our free-will to God's transformational power, His grace, we become who we were meant to be. Transformation is the ONLY road to true freedom and being truly ourselves.

All of us are Leaders in some way. Whether we are CEO's of large Corporations, Civil Servants, Teachers, Parents of Children or Members of a Family – in some way and in some form we are **Ambassadors of Christ** representing Him to those around us. We are Leaders simply because we are Ambassadors, and we're Ambassadors simply because we are Christ's. Our lives belong to Him and He is leading His people Home through us...!

***"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?
And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
Do you not know that we shall judge angels? [1 Cor 6:2-3]***

Character of Christian Leaders

a) **Love** - 1 Cor 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek It's own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- Love suffers long and is kind = **Patient Endurance**
- Love does not envy = **Generosity**
- Love does not parade itself or is puffed up = **Humility**
- Love does not behave rudely = **Gentleness**
- Love does not seek it's own = **Unselfish**
- Love is not provoked = **Un-defensive**
- Love thinks no evil = **Not Prejudice**
- Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth = **Honesty**
- Love bears all things = **Gracious**
- Love believes all things = **Trusting**
- Love hopes all things = **Optimistic**
- Love endures all things = **Tolerant**
- Love never fails = **Never gives up**

God is Love and the above characters reflect the person of God, thus **God asks us to be these things** so that His lost Children can see Him through us, and come home. We are God's Ambassadors.