

INTRODUCTION

This leadership outline is designed to help identify some of the most basic principles of church leadership. These characteristics should be found in all churches, but unfortunately, many of our church leaders lack true leadership skills. The lack of true leadership prevents the church from moving forward.

Most of our churches in America are not moving forward at all. They seem to be more self-centered and are totally ineffective in reaching others for Christ. They may have a great pastor, one who has the skill, charisma, and the drive to preach the gospel but lack the support or leadership needed from others to accomplish any vision or outreach in their community.

It is lazy and egotistical for any believer to think that the success or failure of any church should rest solely upon the shoulders of their pastor. The true measure of success or failure is in the hands of its leadership. What type of leaders does the church have? Do they have a vision? Does that vision match up to the one that the pastor has? Are the leaders willing to learn or are they bound by fears of inadequacy? I truly believe that everyone can learn a few basic skills that can make them more effective leaders.

So, what makes a good leader? This outline tries to answer that question by examining some of the characteristics, qualities, and examples of what makes a good leader. Leaders provide direction. But unfortunately, too many of our churches in America have become poor examples of what Christianity is all about. Every church should have quality people: those who lead, encourage, and direct others to become even greater and more effective Christians.

America needs the church like she has never needed her before! People in every community are looking for something real and genuine. They want a real church with real people who really care! This leadership outline is designed to help your church leaders to understand the importance of true leadership and discover ways to make your church even more effective. I pray that this outline will help you and your church to *move forward* in becoming a true and viable force in your community.