

# SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

**Just because I may have a position of a spiritual leader does not mean that I am a spiritual leader.**

**Being a spiritual leader means:**

1. My relationship with God encourages others to pursue God
2. I am helping others be more in tune with God.
3. I am hearing regularly from God and following His lead.

**Instead of leading spiritually, we can easily lead:**

1. Intellectually: Everyone knows this is what we need to do.
2. Religiously: We go to God but we tell Him what he needs to do.
3. Habitually: This is what we have done (or not done) in the past.
4. Organizationally: Decisions are made strictly from a position of authority.
5. Logically: This is the only course of action that makes sense.
6. Democratically: The majority rules.

**Thoughts on Spiritual Leadership:**

1. God is more interested in what you do with Him than what you do in ministry.
2. A spiritual leader impacts others internally, not just externally.
3. God's agenda is more important than my plans.
4. A spiritual leader is not the one who has the spiritual position but the spiritual power to lead.
5. Spiritual leadership is bringing people into intimacy with God.
6. Spiritual leaders hear from God and obey.
7. Spiritual leaders must be true followers of Jesus which means denying self and picking up his cross.
8. I must not focus on managing my sin but crucifying it.
9. Becoming a better spiritual leader requires both "yes" and "no".
10. When people hear me teach, talk, observe my actions, do they encounter God or do they encounter me?
11. God empowers humility and love but He opposes arrogance and condemnation.
12. Becoming more like Jesus includes suffering.
13. Creativity in ministry must have a divine source, not a human source. The fruit will testify.
14. Real ministry is all about depth not breadth.
15. I do not have to compromise God's truth or apologize for it in order to be a successful spiritual leader.
16. Obedience is more important than sacrifice.
17. What I have learned from God in the recent past prepares me for the near future.
18. Taking notes from what God is saying is paramount.
19. Spiritual leadership is not simply making decisions but acting on understanding of what God is doing or about to do.
20. Spiritual leadership is not about giving information but is all about transformation.
21. A spiritual leader leads by faith not by personality.