

LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY NOTES | April 29, 2019

“Some Characteristics of a Leader” by Stuart Briscoe

Conviction - The Oxford Dictionary calls it “a settled belief” that can lead to being convinced an action is right; a belief is true; an outcome is good but be humble enough to be willing to be proved wrong!

Courage - the moral fortitude to stand for what is good, right, and true even if conventional wisdom advocates and prefers what is comfortable, popular, and profitable. Of course, having all six would be a huge bonus.

Compassion - To show sympathy and concern to those whose lives may be adversely affected by leadership decisions.

Confidence - The first cousin of “conviction,” which, if misplaced, can lead to hubris and disaster, but, if guarded by a bodyguard of wisdom, humility, and spiritual dependence, can produce clarity of direction and action and instill courage and conviction in those who may be fearful and reticent.

Circumspection - Murphy’s Law says “if something can go wrong it will go wrong.” Circumspection means being aware of what is going wrong all around and steering a wise course through pitfalls and potholes.

“Seven Essential God-Words for Leaders” by Marc Erickson

Father - echoing through my childhood home in every crisis (John 14:1-6)

Jesus - our eternal kinsman redeemer, the Arm of YHWH (Isaiah 53:1)

Blood - the truth about the triune God, The Lamb of God (Revelation 5:5-10)

Repent - the antidote for all budding Pharisees (Romans 2:1-4)

Humility - essential ingredient of ‘rest in Christ’ (Matthew 11:28-30)

Listen - as many as are led by the Spirit, the Shepherd’s voice (Romans 8:14)

Pray - churches are changed ‘together’ from glory to glory (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Books for further reading:

One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are, Ann Voskamp

The Normal Christian Life, Watchman Nee

The Saving Life of Christ, Major W. Ian Thomas

Paul: Apostle of the Heart Set Free, F.F. Bruce

The Gospel of John - for a God-Sized worldview

