

LESSON ON LEADERSHIP

2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Introduction

Leadership is not merely holding a position or having a title. Leadership is the ability to influence, guide, and inspire people toward a better destination. A true leader takes people from Point A to Point B — from confusion to clarity, from weakness to strength, from defeat to victory, and from vision to fulfilment.

God calls leaders to be prepared, disciplined, dependable, and full of wisdom. According to 2 Timothy 2:15, a leader must study, grow, and handle responsibilities correctly. Leadership begins with personal development before public influence.

1. LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE

A leader influences the thinking, behaviour, attitude, and direction of others.

People do not follow titles alone; they follow conviction, character, and vision. A leader must inspire confidence in those he leads.

Example:

Jesus influenced ordinary fishermen and transformed them into world changers. His influence was not based on force but on truth, love, wisdom, and example.

Key Truth:

Your life speaks louder than your words.

2. A LEADER MUST BE A ROLE MODEL IN CHARACTER

Before people listen to your message, they observe your life.

Character is the foundation of leadership. Skills may open doors, but character keeps them open.

A leader must demonstrate:

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Humility
- Faithfulness
- Discipline
- Godliness

Titus 2:7

“In all things showing yourself a pattern of good works.”

If a leader lacks character:

- People lose trust.
- The team becomes discouraged.
- The vision collapses.

Important:

Leadership is not perfection, but consistency in doing what is right.

A good leader does not say:

“Do as I say.”

A good leader says:

“Follow me as I follow Christ.”

3. CONTENT — A LEADER MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE

A leader must know what he is doing.

People gain confidence in a leader who is informed, prepared, and skilled. Ignorance weakens leadership, but knowledge strengthens influence.

2 Timothy 2:15 teaches:

- Study diligently.
- Prepare yourself.
- Handle truth correctly.
- Grow continually.

A leader must:

- Read
- Learn
- Listen
- Research
- Seek wisdom
- Improve continually

Hosea 4:6

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

A leader who refuses to grow will eventually mislead people.

Leadership Principle:

You cannot take people where you have never gone mentally, spiritually, or emotionally.

4. A LEADER MUST HAVE VISION

A leader must have a clear picture of where he is leading people.

Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

Vision gives:

- Direction
- Purpose
- Motivation
- Unity

Without vision:

- People become confused.
- Energy is wasted.
- Progress stops.

A true leader:

- Sees ahead
- Plans ahead
- Prepares ahead
- Guides others ahead

Jesus had vision:

He saw salvation for humanity even before the cross.

A leader must constantly ask:

- Where are we going?
 - Why are we going there?
 - How will we get there?
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5. A LEADER MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Dependability means people can trust you.

A dependable leader:

- Keeps promises
- Takes responsibility
- Is available
- Is consistent
- Can be trusted in difficult times

Luke 16:10

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.”

Responsibility builds trust.

Trust builds influence.

Influence builds leadership.

Signs of an irresponsible leader:

- Excuses
- Laziness
- Unreliability
- Carelessness
- Blaming others

A dependable leader becomes a pillar people can lean on.

6. A LEADER MUST BE A TEAM LEADER

Leadership is not about competition but cooperation.

We may have different roles, gifts, and assignments, but we are working toward one common goal.

1 Corinthians 12:12

“For as the body is one, and has many members...”

In a team:

- Every person matters.
- Every gift is important.
- Every role contributes to success.

A wise leader:

- Encourages others
- Delegates responsibilities
- Appreciates teamwork
- Celebrates others' success
- Builds unity

Leadership Principle:

We are not competing; we are complementing one another.

A leader who works alone becomes exhausted.

A leader who builds a team multiplies effectiveness.

7. JESUS — THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP

Jesus demonstrated:

- Character
- Wisdom
- Vision
- Dependability
- Team building

He trained disciples, empowered them, corrected them, and walked with them.

Matthew 20:26

“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.”

True leadership is servant leadership.

Conclusion

Leadership is a calling and a responsibility. Godly leadership is not about power, pride, or control. It is about influence, service, vision, wisdom, and responsibility.

A true leader:

- Builds trust
- Leads by example
- Continues learning
- Carries vision
- Works with others
- Serves faithfully

The world does not only need talented leaders.
It needs trustworthy, prepared, and godly leaders.

Questions for Reflection

1. Am I leading by example?
 2. Do people trust my character?
 3. Am I growing in knowledge and wisdom?
 4. Do I have a clear vision?
 5. Am I dependable?
 6. Am I building others or competing with them?
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Prayer

Lord, make me a leader of integrity, wisdom, and vision. Help me to influence others positively and to lead with humility and responsibility. Teach me to serve faithfully, work with others in unity, and become a dependable example to those around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.