

What? Me? Lead?  
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*He who thinks he leads but has no followers is only taking a walk.*

*Leadership is Influence ~ John Maxwell*

*I believe that the greatest leaders in the world should come from the church.*

Romans 12:3-8

*"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."*

**Leadership Observation #1**  
**Leadership is more than a gift it is a responsibility**

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**Leadership Observation #2**  
**Leaders have a clear understanding of who they are and why they lead.**

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**Two Reasons that People Lead:**

1) Responsibility based leadership

You care and want to serve those who you lead

2) Rewards based leadership

You want to be rewarded by the perks, power and notoriety of leading.

Matthew 20:20-27

*"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of Him.*

<sup>21</sup> *"What is it you want?" He asked.*

*She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."*

<sup>22</sup> *"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"*

*"We can," they answered.*

<sup>23</sup> *Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."*

<sup>24</sup> *When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.*

<sup>26</sup> *Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—"*

