Biblical leadership: Insights for today's managers


The scholarly literature in management has paid little attention to the study of Biblical figures as leaders. This paper aims to advance the effort to fill this gap by demonstrating that many insights about successful and unsuccessful leadership may be derived from the Bible. Successful leaders demonstrated a willingness to be different, a passion for justice, humility, and a concern for others. Unsuccessful leaders were sidetracked from their mission by the hunger for power or by lust and envy.
Leadership is such an important issue that there is no end to the writing, selling, and buying of leadership books. In fact, we can even say that this blog is about leadership – helping pastors grow in their leadership of the church. As we assess and evaluate leaders in the church (both present and potential leaders), consider these four C’s of biblical leadership: Character. Whereas we tend to elevate competency as the highest qualification for leadership, the Bible highlights character: men of godly character, as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-14; Titus 1:5-16.

The basis character quality of a godly man is above reproach. To be above reproach means that when (not if) accusations come against a pastor, they do not stick because he is not characterized by what he is being accused of. Today, we begin a series entitled Leadership Insights, featuring Rick Betenbough, Chairman of the Cornerstone Board of Directors. In this short video, Rick combines Biblical revelation with his personal experiences to describe a compelling definition of leadership. If you have not yet subscribed to receive these posts automatically, you can do so by clicking here.

Share this Post. Simon Peter and Transformative Leadership: Leadership Insights for Today's Leaders. Cam Caldwell. Mark McConkie. The focus of covenantal leadership on creating new insights, creating a learning culture, and seeking truth promotes organizational creativity and continuous improvement (cf. Senge, 2006; Christensen, 2011). Figure 1. Transformative leadership Published by Sciedu Press 22 ISSN 1923-3966 E-ISSN 19223-3973 www.sciedu.ca/jms Journal of Management and Strategy Vol. 5, No. 1; 2014 3. Peter as a Transformative Leader In this section we utilize historical, biblical, and scholarly references about Peter to compare his leadership style to the components of transformative leadership.