

LEADERSHIP

QUALITIES OF GOOD LEADERSHIP:

1. Diligence: Proverbs 12:24
He will be in charge of whatever his situation may be.
3 Examples of diligent ruling:
 - a. Eleazar: Genesis 24:2,10
 - b. Joseph: Genesis 39:4,22
 - c. Jeroboam: 1 Kings 11:28
2. A trustworthy messenger: Proverbs 13:17
He contributes to the welfare of those whom he works.
3. Doesn't penalize people for integrity: Proverbs 17:26
It never promotes prosperity and the common good.
"Acquitting the guilty and condemning the just – both are detestable to the Lord." Proverbs 17:15
4. Listens before answering: Proverbs 18:13
4 Examples of answering before hearing:
 - a. David (2 Samuel 16:4; 19:24-30)
 - b. Ahasuerus: Esther 3:10
 - c. Darius: Daniel 6:9
 - d. Magistrates: Acts 16:37-39
5. Able to discern: Proverbs 18:15
See also Proverbs 1:5 and Proverbs 15:14
6. Listens to both sides of the story: Proverbs 18:17
3 Examples of answering first:
 - a. Saul: 1 Samuel 15:13, 26
 - b. Ziba: 2 Samuel 16:1-3
 - c. Tertullus: Acts 24:5, 16
7. Able to stand up under adversity: Proverbs 24:10
If we fail in times of discouragement and trial, it is proof of our weakness
4 Examples of failure in adversity:
 - a. Jacob: Genesis 42:36
 - b. David: 1 Samuel 27
 - c. Elijah: 1 Kings 19:3-4
 - d. Jonah: Jonah 4
8. Able to stand up under praise: Proverbs 27:21
Tests his real character by the effect it has on him. His humility or self exaltation is soon discovered and true worth is shown.
See also Proverbs 17:3

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT GOOD LEADERSHIP:

1. Honoring the wrong people backfires: Proverbs 26:8
Results of this would be like tying a stone in a sling.
2. A wicked ruler's dangerous: Proverbs 28:15
He is unmerciful as a hungry lion or a bear
Compare Psalm 7:2 and Proverbs 17:12
3. People despair: Proverbs 29:2
Compare Proverbs 11:10 and Proverbs 28:28
4. A wicked ruler has wicked officials: Proverbs 29:12
Like king/leader produces like people.
5. The people despair: Proverbs 29:2
Compare Proverbs 11:10 and Proverbs 28:28

OTHER VERSES TO LOOK AT:

Proverbs 24:27

Secure by diligence, a proper support and then built. Have one's priorities straight.

Proverbs 25:13

The refreshing a messenger can bring is like the coolness of snow when it is hot.
It expresses the value of a messenger as far as word to his master/leaders.

Proverbs 27:18

Examples of honoring servants:

- a. Deborah :Genesis 35:8
- b. Joseph: Genesis 39:2-23
- c. Elisha: 2 Kings 3:11
- d. Centurion's servant: Luke 7:8
- e. Disciples: Luke 12:37
- f. Cornelius: Acts 10:7