

## **Paul On Leadership**

### **Portrait of Paul the Leader**

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#### **Paul's Demonstration of Leadership**

##### **A. Sensitivity**

1. Tact: The ability to deal with persons in sensitive situations and lead them to harmonious solutions.
2. Philemon 14; I Thess. 2:7-8, 11-12

##### **B. Decisiveness**

1. To see his duty was to do it.
2. Once he is sure of the will of God, the effective leader will go into action. II Co. 13:2-3

##### **C. Encouragement**

1. Paul constantly encouraged churches that were going through difficult times. I Thess. 2:14
2. Paul stayed encouraged himself (Phil. 4:11)

##### **D. Faith and Vision**

1. Paul linked these two qualities together (Acts 27:25)
2. God knows no limitations, and therefore he is worthy of limitless trust.
3. Faith is confidence in who God said He is and in what He said he would do.

##### **E. Friendship**

1. Paul loved unselfishly, even if his love was met with nothing in return. (II Co. 12:15)
2. His willingness to make friends for Jesus was a prime factor in Paul reproducing himself in Christian leadership.

##### **F. Humility**

1. Paul holding his life up as an example was not an example of pride, but of what had been done in his life by Christ.
2. Romans 15:18; Acts 15:12; Acts 21:19

**G. Communication**

1. Paul wrote with the liquid of tears, not acid (II Co. 7:8-9)
2. Paul's goal was not to win an argument, but to:
  - A. Resolve Spiritual Problems
  - B. Restore Unity
  - C. Produce a Growing Maturity
3. Listening was key to Paul's success as a communicator.
  - A. Listening is a genuine attempt to understand the heart of another person.
  - B. Pressing duties must never squeeze out ample time for our people to share a problem.
4. Real communication includes a connection between two hearts.

**H. Self-Discipline**

1. Paul was able to lead others because he disciplined himself
2. The leader must be prepared to work harder than his followers.
3. The leader must guard his life against pollution. (II Co. 10:4-5)

**I. Wisdom**

1. Heavenly Insight
2. Right application of knowledge in moral and spiritual matters
3. A restraining quality keeping the leader from rash action.
4. James 1:5-6

**J. Zeal**

1. Something that "boils up" – the enthusiasm that irresistibly bubbles up in the heart. (Galatians 4:18)
2. The Holy Spirit guards against our tendency to "cool off."

**\*Paul's flexibility in his leadership methods proved to be a paved road to his success as a leader of many diverse people.**

*"A man is not only what he owes to his parents, friends and teachers. But a man is also what God has made him by calling him to some particular ministry and by endowing him with appropriate natural and spiritual gifts." - John Stott*

*"If I wanted to discover whether I was a leader, I would look behind me to see who was following!" - D.E. Hoste (succeeded Hudson Taylor as general director of the China inland Mission)*