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LEADERSHIP IN LAY MINISTRY

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Leadership in lay ministry is often overlooked, ignored, or fumbled because of a general tendency to expect clergy to do the leading. Clergy have this responsibility, but the Church also needs lay leaders if it is to accomplish its mission. Few of us are natural leaders and most of us only become effective through study and practice. Some qualities a church leader needs to develop are:

Loyalty - Our first loyalty is to Christ whom we follow with unwavering commitment. The leader is also loyal to the organization, its purpose and its precepts. Loyalty is a trusting relationship built on a clear perception of right and wrong, order and chaos, integrity and dishonesty. Blind loyalty is not true loyalty.

Vision - A good leader looks ahead to see what might be, dreaming a little and thinking a lot, giving from thought to coping with problems, setting goals, and planning for achieving excellence.

Spirituality - The church leader must have a right relationship with Christ and a clear understanding of the doctrine and faith of the Church.

Articulate - A leader is capable of communicating dreams and plans to others in order to inspire them to action that will attain objectives. Clear communication is a keystone to good leadership.

Pastoral Care - A good leader is sensitive to needs and problems, demonstrating by positive action and love, interest and concern.

Humility - Leadership is a servant role. The leader will inspire so that people are unified in mind and spirit by mutual respect. It is not "I" but "we." "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be a slave to all." (Mark 10:43, 44.) ●

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Melvin mentioned some of good leadership and do you have any other ideas, insight? And want to share with your peer? Come up with a few examples of why this ministry, its competence, its integrity, and its performance, is so decisive to the church of today.

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