

B. Full of the Holy Spirit, Wisdom and Faith:

Group Question: Why might it be dangerous for the congregation if there is someone in a leadership position who is unwise, weak in faith, or not consistently using God's Holy Spirit?

1. Results of a Poor Example:

1 Cor 5:6—A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

Prov 22:24-25—An angry leader will cause those who follow him to also be angry.

2 Sam 20:1-2—People often follow a rebel.

2. Examples of Spiritual Leaders:

Deut 34:9—Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom.

Luke 4:1—Christ was full of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 6:3—Deacons were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom.

v. 5—Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Acts 11:24—Barnabas was full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

God's word shows us that His leaders should be full of His Spirit, faith and wisdom.

C. Marriage and Family Example:

Group Question: How will the example of a leader's family affect his/her ability to be an effective leader?

1 Peter 3:7—The prayers of a leader will be hindered if the marriage is not strong.

Deut 4:9-10—Parents are to teach children and grandchildren the ways of God.

1 Tim 3:2-5, 12—Deacons and elders are to be husbands of one wife, ruling well their children and homes.

Col 3:19, 21—Husbands are to love their wives. Fathers are not to provoke children to discouragement.

2 Tim 1:5—Paul and others knew the reputation of Timothy's *faithful* family.

D. Reputation/Example of a Servant:

Luke 22:24-27—We are *not* to "lord it over" others, like the Gentiles did.

Titus 1:7—A bishop/minister is not to be "self-willed."

1 Tim 3:6, 10—Ministers and deacons should not be puffed up with pride and not new in the Church.

E. Reputation/Example of Spiritual Stability:

Group Question: How will the example of a *spiritually stable* leader affect the Church?

2 Tim 3:14—*Continue* in the things which you have learned and been assured of.

Titus 1:8-9—A minister is to be... hospitable, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, **holding fast the faithful word** as he has been taught...

1 Cor 15:58—Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the Work of the Lord.

2 Thes 2:15—Hold fast to the traditions that you were taught.

2 Tim 1:13—Hold fast the pattern of sound words that you have heard from me.

1 Cor 11:1—Paul's example was one that the brethren could follow.