

What Our Leaders Need To Possess

(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)

- Introduction:
1. Churches have often floundered due to poor leadership choices.
 2. It is our desire to have a dynamic leadership at South Green that will lead the church in ways that will strength us, reach out to others, and develop peace and love.
 3. In order to accomplish these goals, our leaders must possess three essential qualities.

I. Leadership Choices Based On Appearance

- A. Often churches will take a man who “looks” like a leader and will automatically assume he is qualified to serve as a leader in the church.
- B. How often have elders and deacons been selected on the basis of their secular work, only to find out they have not understanding of what it means to be a leader in the church?
- C. Leadership in the church is not the same as in the world (Matthew 20:28).
- D. (1 Samuel 16:7) Samuel’s selection of David.

II. Three Essential Qualities In Leaders

- A. Leaders Must Be Men Of Heart
 1. Saul started out with the right heart (1 Samuel 9).
 2. David was said to be a man after God’s own heart (1 Samuel 13:14).
 3. They desire the work, they have a passion for serving, they see a need and want to meet it (1 Timothy 3:1; 1 Peter 5:2).
 4. Without the heart, the actions are empty and can be seen to be such.
- B. Leaders Must Be Men Of Ability
 1. (1 Chronicles 11&12).
 2. Joab was selected to be the Commander of David’s army because he had **already** proven himself.
 3. (1 Timothy 3:10).
- C. Leaders Must Be Men Of Direction
 1. (1 Chronicles 12:32).
 2. Leaders must be “risk-takers,” or they will become “care-takers” who will eventually become “under-takers.”
 3. Culture presents challenges; congregational make-up presents challenges; size presents challenges; and maturity presents challenges.
 4. Leaders aren’t content with the status-quo; they are idealist who see and believe things can be better.

- Conclusion:
1. Pray for our leaders; hold up their hands; and ever be a source of joy for them rather than a source of grief.
 2. Hold them accountable, but also be accountable to them.

