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Leadership of Men

We were asked recently if we had any literature on leadership skills for Elders and Deacons. While we don't have anything specific, we see the following as good guidelines: 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Beyond this, our *Before and After Baptism* may be helpful. However, Scripture does provide extra help in leadership skills for men. So we will take a look at a few of them along with 1 Timothy and Titus.

The main function of a leader is to serve and set an example. Yahshua is the Perfect One to follow and emulate. As the Apostle Paul said, *Be imitators of me, as I am of Messiah. Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Messiah*, 1 Corinthians 11:1-3 (*New American Standard* used throughout).

As men, we will always have Messiah above us, therefore we must be sensitive to His leading us. We are to be sensitive to each other, especially our wives (as fellow heirs), in serving the Master (1 Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:21) not being overbearing even to our children (Eph. 6:4; Col 3:21).

Relationship Instructions

Apart from the "religious" men of His day, Yahshua was gentle with those with whom He dealt. His disciples witnessed this firsthand and were given Yahweh's Spirit to help us to relate well with others. *This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of Elohim*, James 1:19-20

*So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of Elohim that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as Elohim would have you; **not for shameful gain**, but eagerly; **not domineering** over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory*, 1 Peter 5:1-4.

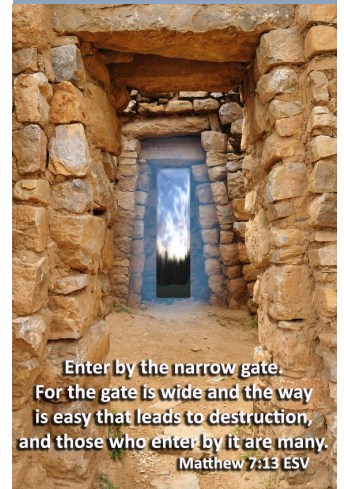
Even younger men can set an example. Paul told Timothy, *Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity*, 1 Timothy 4:12.

Yahshua in Mark 9:35 affirms that being first requires one to have a servant's attitude. *And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."* To lead is to serve others, not to be served (Phil. 2:3, 5). We first serve Yahweh through Yahshua (John 12:26). This will make one a great leader (Matt. 20:26).

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this

Whoever wishes to be first among you, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Adam did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Mark 10:44-45 TS



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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is the Law and the Prophets, Matthew 7:12. Don't give a burden you are not yourself willing to take.

Safety in Much Council

Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety, Proverbs 11:14. The reality is even counselors can sometimes use counseling.

The brethren overall, can be of assistance, knowing who is in good standing and worthy of certain positions. *Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty, Acts 6:3.*

Worthy means to live by certain standards. *The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for Elohim's assembly? 1 Timothy 3:1-16. Some are above reproach and already proven managers (1 Tim. 5:8).*

Others are noted and chosen for certain skill sets, *Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of Elohim in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun, Exodus 17:8-16. Leaders sometimes need support, and humble ones will accept it. Even if we are confident and elegant in our ways, we can always improve.*

Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of Yahweh. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Yahshua, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of Elohim more accurately, Acts 18:24-26. We can always learn more than what we confidently already know.

Yahweh Provides

And Elohim has appointed in the assembly first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 1 Corinthians 12:28-29 (see also, Ephesians 4:11). We each have different gifts, and must rely on others to make up for our own weaknesses. But none of those weaknesses should have anything to do with sin.

But as servants of Elohim we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 2 Corinthians 6:4. If proud, be so because of your loss and not your gain. It can easily show how dedicated one is to stay the course and not deviate off the straight and narrow path.

Love to the End

To seek Yahweh's will and live it is the kind of love to which we should aspire. *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love, 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. There is no greater love than what Messiah did for us.*

He [just as Yahshua] must hold firm to the trustworthy Word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it, Titus 1:9. Being steadfast in the Spirit of Yahweh and Yahshua, expressing Their love, is key to being a good leader.

Modern Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

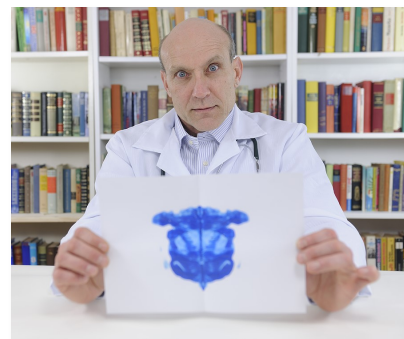
For nearly 2,000 years, prior to the rise of modern psychiatry and psychotherapy, the church had ministered to believers experiencing mental, emotional, and behavioral problems by using the teaching of the Scriptures and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Perhaps no other secular enterprise has had such profound influence on Christianity as has psychological counseling. Contemporary Christianity's embrace of psychology – advanced by the schools of Freud, Jung, Rogers, Maslow, and others – raises two important questions: Is there an insufficiency on the part of Yahweh's Word and the Holy Spirit that have made employing concepts of psychology an acceptable alternative to appropriating Holy Scripture to redressing social and personal issues with which the Christian demographic must deal? and, has psychotherapy been helpful, or harmful, toward remediating the Christian client's issues?

Of note, is an early Apostolic mantra: *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of Yahweh. ... And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of Yahweh ... rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught ... Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Messiah,* 1 Corinthians 2:1, 4, 5; Colossians 2:7, 8.

And so, why the shift from faith toward Yahweh and in His Word to psychiatry and psychotherapy? Briefly comprehended, 'tis because men have not liked to retain the knowledge of Yahweh and for which, He has given them over to a reprobate mind and a strong delusion!

Elder John W. Reece



Obituary: Roland Miller, by Donnie Miller

Our spiritual brother, Roland William Miller, fell asleep on July 27, 2022, awaiting the first resurrection. He was 72 years and 4 months old. Roland was first baptized in 1972 with WWCG, afterward coming into the knowledge of the True Names, and was baptized at Assemblies of Yahweh in Bethel, PA, by Jacob O. Meyer. He married his late wife and had a daughter and three sons. Roland was very joyful when our father and myself (Donnie) were also baptized in Yahshua's pre-Passover in 1977 in Wisconsin. Over the next years, we had worshiped with many believers and congregations. Roland loved them all. He always enjoyed the services and fellowship meals together. He also enjoyed the dramatized version of the Bible narrated by Alexander Scourby. See you later in the Kingdom, Brother.

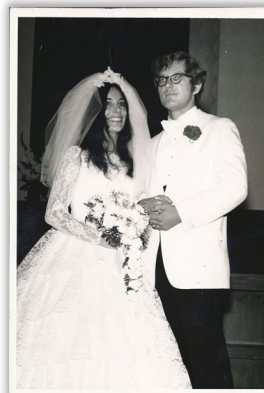


50th Year Anniversary

We are delighted to hear of the 50th wedding anniversary of Elder John and Deborah on the 9th of this month of September.

They are a shining example of dedication and love in the body of Messiah and to each other. We love them and are grateful for their continued service in the body and to their own family.

Dorothy, Elder John's mother, who is 102 years of age, lives with them. Hence we hardly see them together, as they alternate the 97 mile drive to be with us here on the Sabbath. See them together at the right :-)



Day of Trumpets

The Day of Trumpets is, as found in Leviticus chapter 23, a holy convocation to be honored by all. But most in the world today find themselves preparing for Halloween around the timing of the fall Feasts.

The time ahead is a time of trouble before Yahshua returns. There will be angels who will be given 7 trumpets, who will, at the time Yahweh chooses, allow them to blow and release 7 plagues. This is known as the "Day of Yahweh," (not the "Day of the L-rd") a time of destruction, vengeance, and wrath on the disobedient people of the earth. You can read about it in Revelation, chapter 8. You can also escape the coming wrath by being obedient to Yahweh right now and coming out of the world and its way of doing things, *And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues,"* Revelation 18:4.

We should obediently be looking forward toward the "Last Trump" which the Apostle Paul speaks about in 1 Corinthians 15:52:

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

This is a truly joyful and prophetic Feast. We read of what it will be like for the firstfruits at that time; we rejoice in keeping this holy day knowing what it pictures for us in the future:

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, "Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." And He saith unto me, "These are the true sayings of Elohim," Revelation 19:7-9. With the sighting of the new moon, we expect the Day of Trumpets to be on September 27th for our North America Region.

Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Kenneth Faulkner, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marylyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Neville & Maryke Stanton, Antionette Swart, Bertha Tidwell, Annette Heyward, Tammy Boucher, Magdalena M. Torres, Angela Bradley, Luann Campbell Family, Dwayne Mariam, Randell Serfess, Sonja Morgan, Dianne E. Wright Family, Victor Kiiru Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Susan Freeman, Paul Ingram, Elder Cornelius Kigen, Ruth Bamba, Charlie Pelton, Eric Perkins Family, Marcy Mallinson, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Elder Jerry Healan Family, Sheila Sendeyo, NyHuff/Thompson family, Ronald Tidwell, Eugene and Rockie Family, Robert Creech, Emma Moss, Diane Crocker, Valerie Freeman, Lucas Bentley, Nyakim Gatkuoth, Dustin Mariam.

Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

And give Him no rest, till He establish, till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, Isaiah 62:7.

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