

Vision

"And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it." (Habakkuk 2:2 ESV)

Vision is looking ahead and being able to see the possibilities of where you and your organization could go. It is using a proactive approach to spring all your players into action to accomplish it. Mission—What you are doing today. Vision—What you'll be doing in the future.

"Leaders dream dreams and have vision and can communicate those to others in such a way that they, of their own free will, say 'yes.'" Mike Murray

What is the vision I have for my organization?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, show me the vision you have for me as I lead my group/zone/committee into the future. Guide me as I guide them along the paths You set before us. In Jesus' name, Amen

Integrity

The integrity of the upright guides them ... (Prov. 11:3 NIV).

◆ **Actions** speak louder than words.

◆ **Win** your followers' **respect**. Once that happens, your sphere of influence is built up. Qualities that make you respectable are caring, honesty, and a listening ear.

◆ **Respect** will help you have influence, which is what leadership is all about.

Leadership is **influence**—nothing more, nothing less.

The leader's habits are... consistent with his values.
The leader's words are... consistent with his deeds.
The leader's expressions are... consistent with his feelings.

*Stephen Covey (*Principle-Centered Leadership*)

What does integrity mean to me?

Prayer:

Dear Father, help me to always show Your love through my actions. Guide me so that I may lead with integrity and love. In Your Son's name, Amen

Humility

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3 ESV)

Humility is shown by exhibiting: A servant heart. What is the common theme? Servant leadership is ... being considerate of others ... valuing others' opinions ... being helpful ... Be a servant. Have a caring heart. Show your followers that you care.

- ◆ **Send** encouragement notes
- ◆ **Pray** for them and tell them they are on your prayer list
 Make up a prayer calendar using birthdays with each person getting prayed for every month on the day of their birthday
- ◆ **Ask** about them and their families
- ◆ **Give** silly treats at special times
- ◆ **Listen** to connect with people to hear what they are saying
- ◆ **Listen** to learn from what they are saying A teachable attitude
- ◆ **Learn** from what friends and foes are saying
- ◆ **Learn** from your mistakes
- ◆ **Keep learning** new leadership strategies and techniques

“It may sound corny, but it’s true: People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” John Maxwell (*21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader*)

How can I show that I have a servant heart?

Prayer: Thank You Lord for the opportunity to be here at KAOL to learn more of Your word. Let us grow in Your grace today, for You are Almighty, understanding, powerful and always with us. You listen to our prayers. I sing for Joy. Thank you for You are my Rock that I can lean on. What an awesome GOD You are. Amen.

Good Spiritual Life

...yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; (Prov. 2:3-6 ESV).

A leader’s spiritual life is exhibited by:

- ◆ A solid prayer life—Pray especially for wisdom from the Lord
- ◆ Being grounded in the Word
- ◆ Being a good steward ... in your spiritual walk ... where money is spent for the organization ... in selection of people for leadership positions or other service.

Where can I find more time to grow in my spiritual life?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You can do mighty things through even the lowliest of servants. I sometimes feel like the lowest. It is not a matter of the abilities of the person You work through but of Your ability to bring Your will to pass through them. Lord, here I am. Send me. Build me up with spiritual strength shown not through physical feats, but faith. Help me to do the work I am called to. Amen.

Courage

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9 ESV)

Be a risk taker!

- ◆ Try new ideas
- ◆ Don't be afraid of failure We often do not try new things because we fear failure. Failure means you have at least tried something and not continued in the same path. If you fail, don't be afraid to try again.
- ◆ It takes courage to stand strong alone. The saying, “It's lonely at the top,” is something experienced leaders will tell you right away. Taking the “road less traveled” takes courage.
- ◆ It takes courage to deal with conflict. Issues will come up when not everyone is in agreement. Sometimes a decision needs to be made and the group cannot make the decision. It is at this time the leader must decide what would be the best for the majority of those involved. Being in God's Word and asking Him for wisdom daily are necessary for making the best decision.

“You cannot be creative if you don't risk. You cannot risk if you don't dare fail. It is not failure if you learn from it.” Harvey Wilson (Volunteer Administrator's Manual)

What issues am I dealing with now? What would be best for the majority of my followers?

Prayer for Courage

Heavenly Father, help me to keep your words hidden in my heart so when I'm faced with challenges, I have the strength and courage to continue on. Guide my thoughts and actions as I seek to serve you by serving others. If I fail or make a poor decision, grant me forgiveness, courage, and wisdom to move forward so I'm not stuck in failure and self-wallowing. Allow me to continue to serve you, learn from my error, and to remember that you are with me wherever I go. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PATH TO PRAYER



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