



VISION

Characteristics

Visionary leadership is based on a balanced combination of impartation of spiritual gifts, revelations and anointing in mental, emotional and physical dimensions through the spirit of love and gifts from the Holy Spirit. It requires core values and a clear vision to empower relationships, and innovative action. When one or more of these dimensions are missing, leadership cannot manifest a clear vision.

Visionary leaders in the body of Christ are builders of God's architectural purpose in building the church; working with visionary insight, creativity, imagination, and boldness. They are prayer warriors that call upon God's presence, power, strength and purpose through the leading of the Holy Spirit. They present challenges that call forth the best in others and brings them together around a *shared sense of purpose*.

VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

Without A Vision The People Perish PROV. 29:18

They work together with empowerment in alignment with a higher purpose because they serve God first. Their eyes are on the horizon, not just on what they see near at hand. They discern when there is a need for change and the need to extend both physical *and* spiritual borders.

Visionary leaders anticipate change and are proactive, rather than reactive to events. Their focus is on opportunities, not on problems. They emphasize win/win rather than adversarial win/lose approaches.

They are leadership innovators and change agents; seeing the big picture and thinking strategically. There is a oneness between visionary leadership and the whole. Visionary leaders rise to the call of serving the good of the whole body of Christ while equipping individuals for the works of service. They recognize that there is some redeemable truth and balance on both sides of issues that effect the church, community and government today. They seek scriptural solutions and innovations that transcend adversarial approaches; and address the cause and solutions for problems. They find the higher purpose in all sides of any issue and address the underlying root dynamics and causes; with wisdom to create real breakthroughs through the power of God.



Unity, Maturity and Diversity in the Body 1Cor. 12:1-31

Eph. 4:11-13 Christ himself gave the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers along with other gifts to strengthen the body of Christ. These ministries build on the foundation of the church and are orchestrated through unity.

A visionary leader is filled with the Holy Spirit with purpose and vision burning inside seeking to manifest. A man's gift makes room for him. Prov. 18:16. If you have seen a man skilled in his work, he will stand before kings and will not stand in front of obscure men, Prov. 22:29



A visionary leader is effective in manifesting his or her vision because she/he creates specific, achievable goals, initiates action and enlists the participation of others.

What is it that makes a visionary become a leader in the body of Christ? It is a gift from God. A visionary may dream visions of the future and articulate them with great inspiration and conviction. A visionary is good with words, but a *true* visionary leader is good with *actions* as well as words; and can bring his/her God revealed vision and leadership into being in the church; thus transforming it in some way. More than words are needed for a vision to take form. It requires both leadership and a heartfelt God led commitment.

Acts 2:17-20 In the last days, God says; I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophecy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below.

Set Apart Unto God—Being Separated

I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing and I will receive you. And I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. 2 Cor. 14-18. They need to have a clean heart. 1Pet. 1:16 Do not love the world.

Lev. 20:26 You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am holy, and I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be Holy because I am Holy



Effective Visionary Leadership and Commitment To Spiritual Core Values

A commitment to the values and mission of the church is an outstanding characteristic of visionary leaders. They embody a sense of personal integrity,

radiate a sense of energy, vitality, and motivation; with integrity which stands firm without wavering. Character is a spiritual attribute, allowing a leader to stand for something much deeper than self. Visionary Leadership flows from God. Jn. 7:38

Rather than being *prideful* of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, visionary leaders are elevated by humbleness and exercise moral integrity in leadership. Prov. 18:16

Rather than being *corrupted* by the gifts of the spirit, visionary leaders lead by the anointing and *exercise* moral leadership. No spiritual gift should be used to “lord it over” others or claim for oneself a select or special anointing from God. Rather, the *love* of God is the basis of how we use spiritual gifts to edify or build up each other in the Lord.

Effective
LEADERSHIP

A COMMITMENT TO CORE SPIRITUAL VALUES

A commitment to values is an outstanding characteristic of all visionary leaders. They embody a sense of personal integrity, and radiate a clear inspirational vision.

A CLEAR, INSPIRATIONAL VISION

Visionary leaders often have the ability to discern higher spiritual forces at work behind the scenes of events, and they align with the vision of these redemptive forces. Visionary leaders often articulate a vision based on Godly principles that become mission and guideposts for humanity. They intuitively draw on the God's wisdom and present it in a new synthesis to meet the particular need of the times.

RESPECTFUL, EMPOWERING RELATIONSHIPS

Good relationships are the heart of effective visionary leaders. They embody a deeply caring approach to people, seeing them as their greatest asset.

In contrast to the old style of leadership which tells people what to do, and pushes or dominates them, visionary leaders embody a receptive, as well as a dynamic energy. Visionary leaders promote a partnership approach and create a shared sense of vision and meaning with others.



Effective visionary leaders are responsive to the real needs of people and they develop participative strategies to assist people in the fulfillment of their purpose and gifts of God.

INNOVATIVE, COURAGEOUS ACTION

Visionary leaders are especially noted for transforming old mental maps or paradigms, and creating strategies that are “outside the box” of conventional thought. They embody a balance of right brain (rational) and left brain (intuitive) functions. Their thinking is broad and systemic, seeing the big picture, the whole system, and “the pattern that connects.” They then create innovative strategies for actualizing their vision. Visionary leaders anticipate change and are proactive, rather than reactive to events. Their focus is on opportunities, not on problems. They emphasize win/win--rather than adversarial win/lose--approaches. When you see a truly visionary leader accomplishing great things, she/he is drawing on the resources of the SPIRIT and its remarkable capabilities. Each of us can access our inner resources to become a more effective leader in our own area of leadership/ministry. First we must be willing to take initiative and stand for something we believe in passionately. We must be ready to take the heat. Many of us avoid the responsibility of leadership primarily because we are too sensitive to criticism. But when we know who we truly are and we live from an inner core of values, criticism can be filtered to take in only what is true and helpful to our growth.

Today, as we enter the Third Millennium, thousands of new visionary leaders need to emerge in all fields of the Church.

Leading a revolution energized by power of the soul. By appreciating and supporting those who lead from their core spiritual values, we strengthen those leadership qualities in ourselves.

Visionary LEADERSHIP

A visionary leader is effective in manifesting God's purpose through insight and vision and she/he is able to communicate and create specific, achievable goals; initiate action and enlist the participation of others.

Q. What are the qualities and abilities of true visionary leadership? What is the inner process within leaders that enables them to operate their gifts in a manner that strengthens and mobilizes others for a higher purpose?

A. Visionary leader anticipates change and are proactive, rather than reactive to events. Their focus is on opportunities, not on problems. Again; they emphasize win/win--rather than adversarial win/lose--approaches.

B. They not only embody a sense of personal integrity, they radiate a sense of innate strength and commitment that stands in a spiritual state of being grounded, and faithful in all things.

C. They have reliability and a stick-to-it ness; a spiritual attribute, which allows a leader to stand in faithfulness for the cause of Christ. It is the sum total of our being which is being built in accordance with the word of God.

Effective visionary leaders are motivators that move energy to a higher level by hearing from God, through discernment, knowledge, and offering a clear picture of what is possible because nothing is impossible with God. They inspire people to be better than they already are and help them identify with God's purpose

called "the angels of their better nature." The creative power of lighted, inspired words can sound a certain inner note that people recognize and respond to. This then creates dramatic change. Visionary leaders recognize the ability to sense the deeper spiritual needs of followers and link their current needs to these deeper, often unspoken, need for purpose, meaning and calling.

Visionary leaders often have the gift of *discernment to recognize* higher spiritual forces at work behind the scenes of events, in alignment with the Word of God of the redemptive forces (discernment and knowledge).

Visionary leaders transmit hope, purpose and energy to people; giving them a new sense of hope and confidence in achieving the vision. A good leader begets followers of truth.

Respectful, Empowering Relationships

In contrast to the old style of leadership which tells people what to do, and pushes or dominates them. Visionary leaders embody an empowering, receptive, as well as a dynamic energy. They know how to listen and learn from other points of view and have fine tuned their communication skills. They understand how to motivate, undergird, encourage and guide their flock into an ever deepening understanding of the powerful truths of God in all his wisdom and glory.



Dynamic

ENERGY

We can't stay in the same place

Going from where we have been to where we are going. Today, as we enter the Third Millennium in a time of revival as the harvest is being brought in and the rains are falling; we need more than ever to fine tune our commitment to God and the body of Christ with visionary leadership.

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Visionary leaders promote a team leadership approach and create a shared sense of vision and meaning with others. They exhibit a great respect for others and carefully develop team spirit and team learning.

Innovating Courageous Action

Visionary leaders are especially noted for transforming old mental maps or paradigms, and creating strategies that are "outside the box" of conventional thought. (Even if it isn't broke, let's break it and make it even better). Their thinking is broad and systemic, seeing the big picture, the whole system, and "the pattern that connects." They then create innovative strategies for actualizing their vision.



Regardless of your circumstances; if you aren't living on the edge of what God is saying to the church, you might be taking up too much room!

*Living On
The Edge*