

# Servant Leadership: Lead by Example

## ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

Who is the person (past or present) that you admire for their godly character? What qualities stand out to you?

## WORD

This five-week series examines the concept of leadership through the lens of Scripture. By understanding the principles—everyone has opportunities to lead; we influence others; integrity is a cornerstone to leadership; and servant leadership best represents God’s ways—we can become better followers and leaders in our lives.

### ***Titus 2:6-8 (NIV)***

*Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. 7 In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

Titus played a significant role in Paul’s ministry. Paul left Titus in Crete (Kreet) (Crete is the largest island in Greece, and the fifth largest one in the Mediterranean Sea) to “set in order what remains and appoint elders in every town” (Titus 1:5). This means Titus had an important leadership role, establishing sound doctrine and ensuring the church had strong leaders. Paul’s letter to him (the Book of Titus) focuses on teaching sound doctrine, godly living, and church leadership.

Why does Paul left Titus in Crete (Kreet) and focusing in teaching sound doctrine, godly living and church leadership?

## **Titus 1:10-14**

10 For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. 11 They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach—and that for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of Crete’s own prophets has said it: “Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons.” 13 This saying is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith 14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth.

### **When sound doctrine is absent, the church becomes:**

- ✗ Doctrinally compromised
- ✗ Morally confused
- ✗ Easily deceived
- ✗ Internally divided
- ✗ Ineffective in its mission

A godly leader’s life is the loudest sermon they will ever preach.

True leadership is not about position but character—it’s about living a life worth following.

### **How to Lead by Example**

#### **1. Lead yourself first (The Call to Self Control )**

*Titus 2:6 (NIV)*

*Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.*

Self-control (sōphroneō in Greek) means having a sound mind, self-discipline, and restraint.

Self-control is the foundation of leadership—if you can't lead yourself, you can't lead others. Why? Because lack of self-control destroys credibility. The world celebrates impulsiveness, indulgence, and emotional outbursts, but godly leaders must live differently.

Before you can lead others, you must first lead yourself. Leading by example is more powerful than words alone.

## DISCUSSION

What are some practical ways we can demonstrate self control that affect spiritual growth, relationship and daily decisions?

## WORD

### **2. Lead by example**

***Titus 2:7a (NIV)***

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good...*

***Titus 2:7a (ESV)***

*Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works.”)*

“Show yourself” means leadership is not just telling people what to do—it's showing them how to live.

“Model” (typos) means a pattern others can follow, like a blueprint or an imprint on a coin.

Why? Because people follow what they see more than what they hear. If your actions don't match your words, your message loses power.

***“You don't need a title to lead—you just need a testimony.”***

### 3. Speak with Integrity and Wisdom

#### *Titus 2:7b-8 (NIV)*

*...In your teaching show integrity, seriousness & soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

Integrity (aphthoria) = Purity and honesty in speech.

Dignity (semnotēs) = Speaking with wisdom and respect.

Sound speech (hygiēs logos) = Words that are healthy, uplifting, and true.

Why? Because Your words shape your leadership. If your speech is careless, crude, or dishonest, people will question your credibility.

## DISCUSSION

Why is leading by example important? How can we influence others through our actions?

## **LIFE APPLICATION**

1. Leadership is not about a title—it's about testimony.

- Your example influences your family, coworkers, church, and community.

2. People don't just need to hear the gospel—they need to see it lived out.

- You may be the only Bible some people will ever read.

3. The best way to lead is to follow Jesus—our perfect example.

- If you want to lead well, imitate Christ.

- Jesus is our ultimate example. Follow Him, and your life will lead others to Him.

## DISCUSSION

How can we set a godly example in our homes, workplace and communities this week?

## VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

*1 Timothy 4:12 NIV*

*12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

## PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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