

Are You a Spirit-Led or a Self-Led Leader?

<i>Spirit-Led Leaders</i>	<i>Self-Led Leaders</i>
<p>Choose their words carefully.</p> <p>It takes a lot of inner strength to be a good listener and choose your words wisely.</p> <p><i>James 1:19; Proverbs 18:21</i></p>	<p>Are impulsive.</p> <p>Anger is lurking just beneath the skin.</p>
<p>Have confidence in God and courage toward men and circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are humble. • Use their spiritual markers to guide them. • Recognize God’s voice and are obedient. • Are not afraid to ask others for help. • Disagree without drawing blood. • Lead in the midst of uncertainty and fear. <p><i>Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 27:14; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Galatians 6:3-5.</i></p>	<p>Have confidence in men and circumstances and courage toward God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are macho. • Are control freaks. • Tell God what they are going to do and ask God to bless it. • Get frustrated and try to do it all themselves. • Disagree with venom. • Create uncertainty and fear.
<p>Strive for excellence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give God their best. • Won’t settle for mediocrity. • Aren’t afraid of hard work. • Persevere. • Have integrity and are self-disciplined. <p><i>1 Corinthians 9:24; Galatians 5:22-25, 6:9; Titus 2:6-8</i></p>	<p>Succumb to the volunteer syndrome.</p> <p>They give God whatever is left over.</p>
<p>Energized by learning.</p> <p>As a leader, you can’t give what you don’t have.</p> <p><i>Proverbs 9:9-10</i></p>	<p>Drained by Learning.</p> <p>Mentally lazy.</p>
<p>Have good “self care.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have good self talk. • Take compliments and criticisms well. • Take their Christian life seriously, but not themselves too seriously. <p><i>Exodus 34:21; Isaiah 57:2</i></p>	<p>Get down on themselves easily.</p> <p>Leaders not led by the Spirit don’t picture themselves the way God does—with unlimited potential by His strength and power.</p>
<p>Have a sense of destiny.</p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:10</i></p>	<p>Are scattered in their thoughts and self image.</p>

<p>Proactive, not reactive. <i>Proverbs 15:22, 21:15</i></p>	<p>Reactive, not proactive.</p>
<p>Facilitates. Acts as a facilitator to promote group discussion. <i>Numbers 27:20; 2 Timothy 2:2</i></p>	<p>Pontificates. Acts as a know-it-all to promote himself. <i>Proverbs 18:2</i></p>
<p>Focused. Build on the right foundation. Emphasize the essentials. Less is more! Travel light. Simplify! <i>Psalm 145:5; 1 Corinthians 9:26</i></p>	<p>Distracted. Too busy. Living cluttered lives that are full of distractions.</p>
<p>Honest. With themselves and others. Objective. <i>Proverbs 16:11, 19:1, 24:26; Ephesians 4:25</i></p>	<p>Dishonest. With themselves and others. Self deceived and subjective.</p>
<p>Servant leaders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God-centered. • Team players. • Recognize their dependence on God and others. • Kind. • Take joy in others success. • Loyal-even when it won't benefit them. <p><i>Matthew 20:26-28; Mark 10:43-45</i></p>	<p>Taskmasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are self-centered. • Want all the credit even though others were critical to success. • Have a critical spirit. • Can't wait for someone to make a mistake. • Are loyal so long as it benefits them.
<p>Positive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eternity is embedded in their soul so they understand each decision they make has eternal consequences. • Adversity is a catalyst that strengthens faith and draws them towards God. <p><i>Psalm 37:3-7, 119:49-50; Romans 8:18, 31</i></p>	<p>Negative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have no vision for the eternal nature of their spirit and the eternal consequences of their actions. • Adversity is a catalyst that weakens their faith and draws them away from God.
<p>Inspired. Because they have been inspired. <i>Psalm 68:35; Proverbs 12:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11</i></p>	<p>Boring. Because they are self-focused.</p>
<p>Aren't perfect. Have a lot to offer in their current spiritual status. <i>1 John 1:9-10</i></p>	<p>Perfect. In every way—a legend in their own minds.</p>