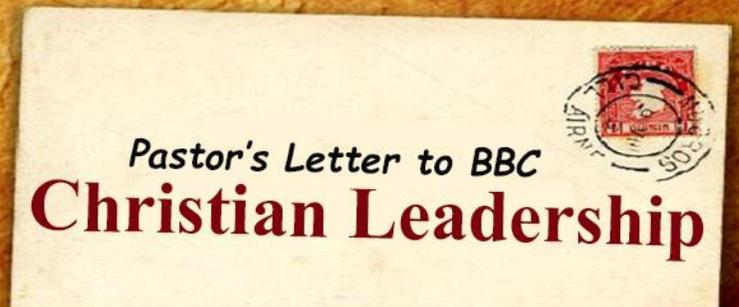


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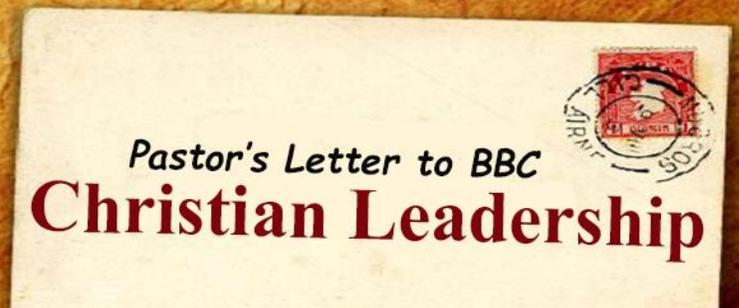
“I define spiritual leadership as knowing where God wants people to be and taking the initiative to use God’s methods to get them there in reliance on God’s power. The answer to where God wants people to be is in a spiritual condition and in a lifestyle that display his glory and honor his name”.



Four “C’s” of a Christian Leader

The intent is to assist leaders with understanding and filtering/selecting their sense of calling, followed then by providing opportunities for education and training to increase their competence. Then, assist with creating an environment where leaders can receive counseling and education to increase their confidence and finally, providing space where developing leaders can be coached, measured, critiqued, and developed in character traits.

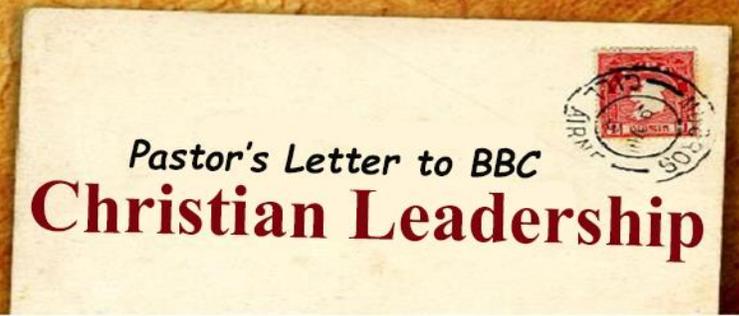
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4. Character



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I. Calling (doing what God wants you to)

It seems appropriate to begin with Jesus’ words. John 5:30 records Jesus’ statement “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.” What is translated as “will” in the last sentence is qelema (Thelema) that implies what God wishes or commands. The same word occurs eight times in the Gospel of John : (Let’s Look at the Scriptures together)



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“ The Call” - Table 1: Occurrences of qelema (Thelema) (will) in the Gospel of John

John 1:13 - “who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God** (NAS).”

John 4:34 - Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish **His work**."

John 6:38 – “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of **Him who sent Me**.”

John 6:39 - “And this is the will of **Him who sent Me**, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.”

John 5:30 - "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of **Him who sent Me**."

John 6:40 - "For this is **the will of My Father**, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."

John 7:17 - "If any man is willing to do **His will**, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself."

John 9:31 - "We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing, and **does His will**, He hears him."

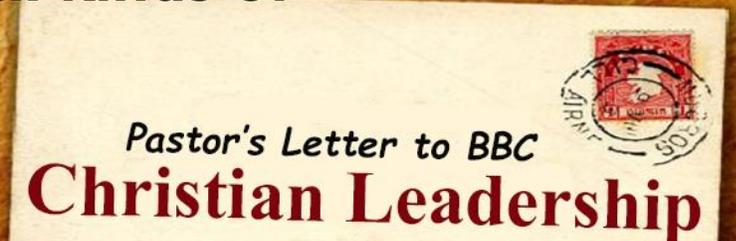
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II. Competence (being good at what you do)

Exodus 31: 1-5 We find God advising Moses that He selected capable (competent) men. Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts - to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of

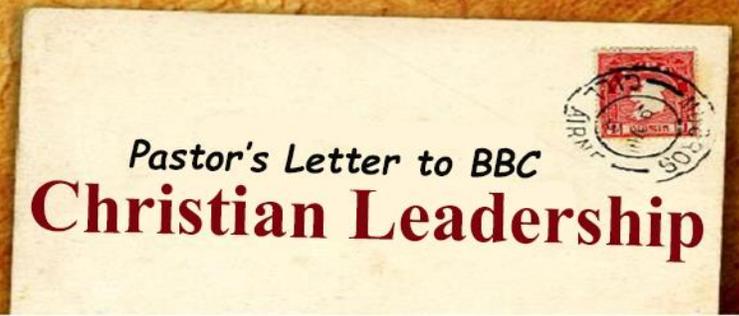


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Colossians 3:23-24 gives a sense of the need to do what we do well, from which we can derive a need for competence.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving”.



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III. Confidence (knowing what you can accomplish in the context)

Even with calling and competence, success may not occur to the level that it could if the leader lacks confidence. The notion of confidence is similar to the concept of self-efficacy (Bandura, 1994). The focus here is on self-perception, rather than reality. While it is possible and probable that perception matches reality, it is perception that drives this concept.

Let's consider Elijah prayed and fire came from Heaven

This is a demonstration of calling, competence, and confidence.

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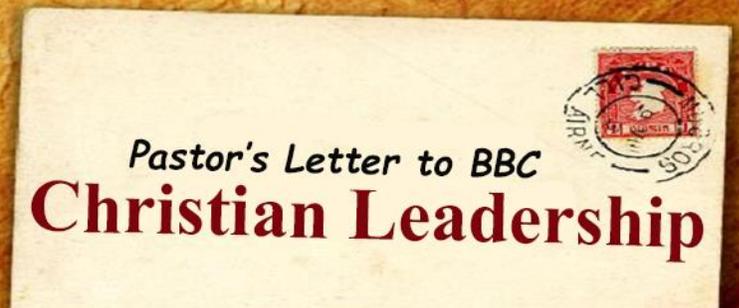


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IV. Character (“good” traits)

In addition to the prior elements of calling, competence, and confidence, character is a key element of Christian (biblical) leadership as evidenced in the passages of Psalms 1 and 15; The Beatitudes, Philemon, 1 Peter, and 2 Peter 1:5-1.

Psalm 15: 1-2: O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart.

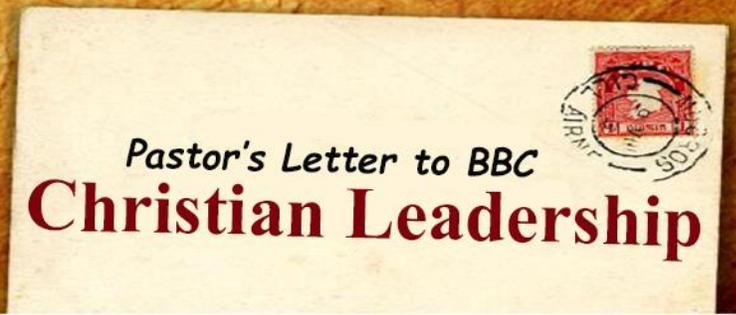


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IV. Character (“good” traits)

Psalms 1:1-4: How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers



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Conclusion

The four Cs of Christian leadership in a hierarchy of first: **Calling**, second: **Competence**, third: **Confidence**, and fourth: **Character**. The premise is this, with each successful level of the four Cs, greater success happens. There may well be many more examples of the four Cs in the Old and New Testaments in the interest of time, we could not possibly cover them all. But is presented was to support the concepts of the four Cs.

