

“Because I Am A Leader”

Because I am a leader ...

1. Every situation will be better for having me in it.

View yourself as a thermostat (change the temperature) and not a thermometer (read the room) (peacock – stands out ... not a chameleon – blends in). We are to charge the atmosphere with an infectious passion and a contagious faith. We can reflect the temperature of a room/meeting /environment or we can raise it by our leadership! Speak words of life ... vision ... the “why” we’re doing stuff. Our words, full of faith, can move mountains.

“Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth.
Say only what helps, each word a gift.”
Ephesians 4:29 (The Message)

“A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance ...”
Proverbs 15:13 (NKJV)

2. I don’t have ears for criticism.

“For there are six things the Lord hates—no, seven: haughtiness, lying, murdering, plotting evil, eagerness to do wrong, a false witness, sowing discord among brothers.”
Proverbs 6:16–19 (The Living Bible)

3. My goal is to spot, foster and empower talent. (I’m a talent scout)

Seek to help people unlock their hidden capabilities.

“Timothy was well thought of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium,
so Paul wanted him to join them on their journey.”
Acts 16:2–3 (NLT)

4. My “job” is to advance the mission anywhere, anytime, doing anything.

One of the most unhelpful phrases in a leader’s vocabulary – “*That’s not my job.*” No matter what the need is I’ll be flexible and get stuff done – whether or not it’s in my job description.

Most helpful phrase – “*I can do that!*”

Which is your posture?

5. My spirit is under my control, even and especially when things are out of my control.

Your job is to keep your heart, soul, family and marriage healthy. It’s not anyone else’s responsibility to nurture your own personal devotions, spouse, kids, etc. Health is the ultimate goal ... feed yourself, spiritual pathways, exercise, etc.

6. I am not here in body alone, my heart is involved too.

Ministry can become just a job rather than a calling. How much do you really care about inviting others to the things that are happening in your own church environments? Are you deeply invested in the vision and direction? Are you personally reaching out ... with your mouth, life, social media, etc.?

7. I do not need to be recognized but will seek to constantly recognize others.

Live and operate beyond the need to be noticed. Your value isn't in the hands of others. God called you and has given you infinite value and worth. Seek instead to recognize others. *"Promotion isn't my priority ... progress in my lane is!"*

"If you think you are too important to help someone,
you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important."

Galatians 6:3 (NLT)

"Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety."

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

8. I will constantly chase what I will never apprehend.

Excellence! Always pursue improvement. Don't fall into the trap of accepting the status quo. Growing continually, learning, staying scrappy and teachable. Not getting stale or comfortable.

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Philippians 3:12–14 (NLT)

9. I think about impact before inconvenience.

Look for reasons to say "yes" (wow vs. how) before you shut down creative ideas. Adding services, campuses, technology, staff, etc. How many could be reached?! Then ask what it will actually take to get something done. Let inconvenience ride in the trunk and let impact ride shotgun.

10. Being a part of this work is not a right it is a privilege.

If you're always walking around focused on all the "sacrifices" you've made or how much money you could be making elsewhere then perhaps you should go and do those things! Keep a posture of honor and remember that it's a privilege to fulfil God's call.

Resource: CITRT Teaching; Levi Luski, Harvest Life; October 9, 2015;
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_9yCAIqy5E&index=2&list=PLhew51LnKikjUiczwk1cZPGgCFyjQgVn