

3rd John # 6 “Weak Micro-managers vs Strong Grace Leaders” Part 2

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In 3rd John, in a very simple yet profound illustration, we have a cross-section of the body of Christ today.

Gaius represents positive believers, advancing toward greater-grace status, God’s objective in their lives, where spiritually mature Christians receive God’s highest and best in this life in the form of peace, prosperity, stability and contentment and then they look forward to their advanced blessings and rewards in Heaven.

Then there’s Diotrephes, living in arrogance and negatively effecting his congregation in the process.

The basis for profitable leadership is virtue and integrity in life and the basis for popularity is success, personality, personal appeal or physical attractiveness.

Disorganized people never make good leaders.

No one achieves true leadership without self-discipline.

A leader understands that the organization is more important than he is.

The leader must constantly examine himself for empathy as a caretaker of others rather than using those under his command for self-promotion.

We cannot be lazy and be good leaders; leadership is hard work.

Common sense is all the leader’s knowledge about his profession; all of his understanding of people and the importance of relating to all people under his command with a measure of flexibility.

The key to all leadership is impersonal love and the key to understanding impersonal love is understanding the cross of Christ.

Leadership does not require a change in personality but demands a change in character.

Leadership can never blame those under their command for suggestions adopted by leaders.

Manipulative subordinates, full of misplaced ambition, will often tell leadership what they assume it wants to hear and by omitting facts and vital information, they become a bad influence on decision making, so then, leadership is neutralized and becomes management.

Biblical truth is essential to Christian leadership because it provides the wisdom for effectiveness in making necessary adjustments to the changing circumstances of life.

The greater the power of the leader, the greater the potential of his naivete or blind spot.

Crisis is a stage for leadership and life is a market for leadership.

Leadership is the basis for effective management,

so there are some important distinctions between leadership and management.

And there's a fantastic difference between leadership and popularity, as not everyone who is popular is a leader and not everyone who is a leader is popular.