



Natural and Spiritual Leadership

Chapter 4

"Spiritual Leadership"

J. Oswald Sanders



What is Leadership?



“A leader is a person who has the ability to get others to do what they don't want to do – and like it.”

Harry S. Truman



“Leadership is the capacity and will to rally men & women to a common purpose – and the character which inspires confidence”

Bernard Montgomery



A leader must...

- Avoid getting swamped in detail
 - Not be petty
 - Not be pompous
 - Know how to select the right people for the task
 - Trust others to do a job without the leader meddling
 - Be capable of clear decisions
 - Inspire confidence
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What qualities do you look
for in a leader?

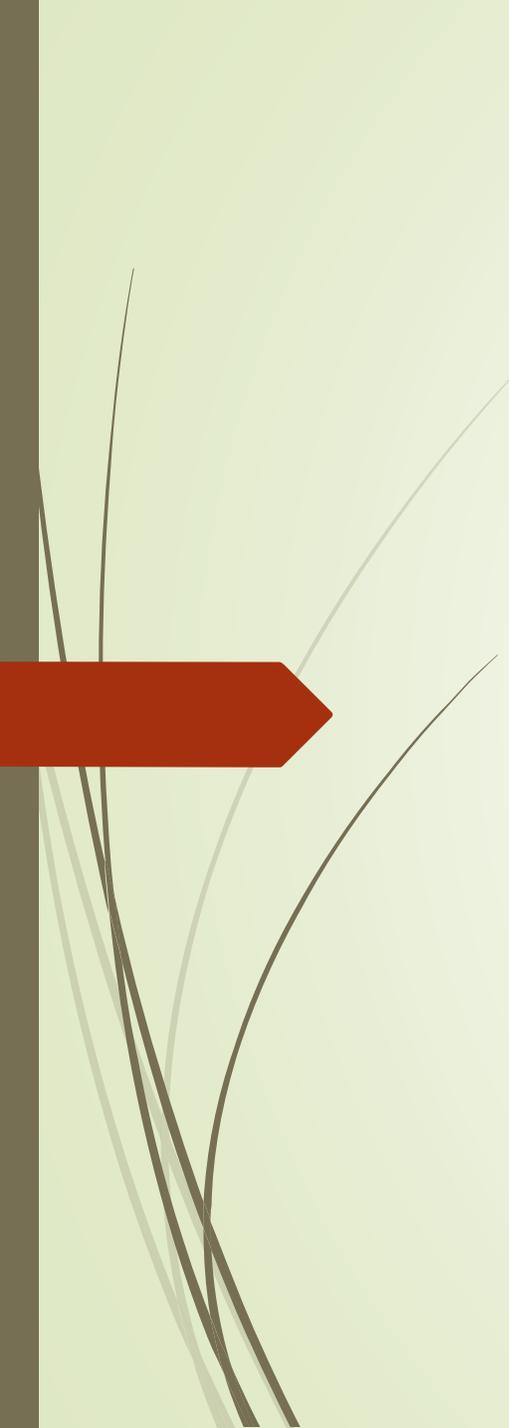


Natural Leadership Qualities

- Self-confident
 - Knows people
 - Makes own decisions
 - Ambitious
 - Creates plans & methods
 - Enjoys command
 - Seeks personal reward
 - Independent
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What is Spiritual Leadership?





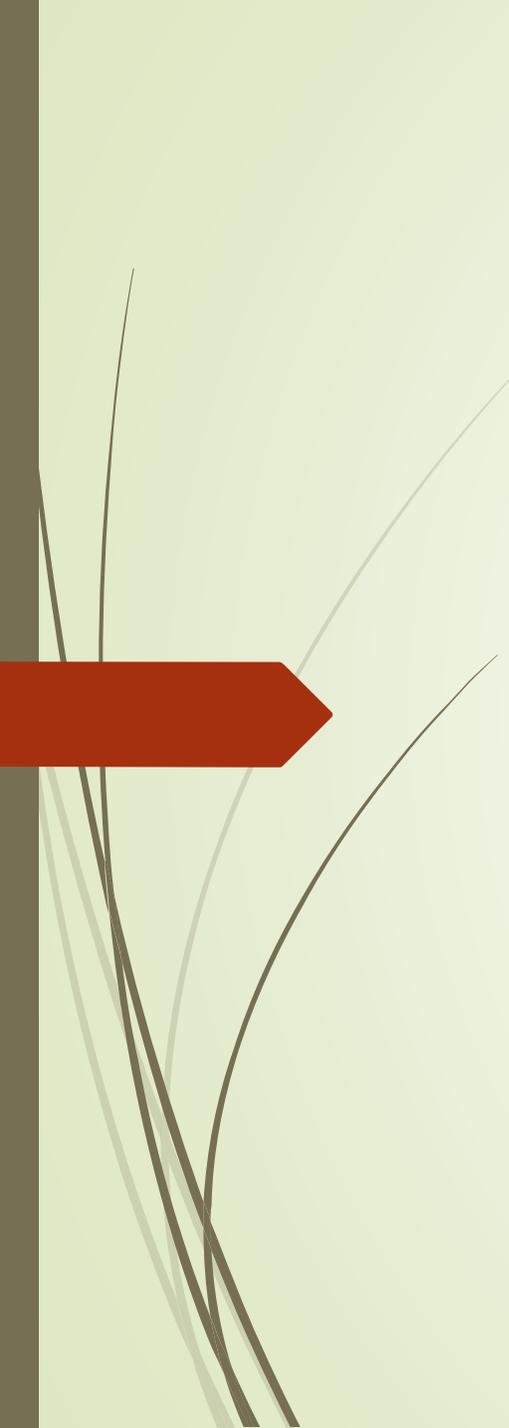
“Christian Leadership is a vocation that blends both human and divine qualities in a harmony of ministry by God and His people for the blessing of others.”

P.T. Chandapilla



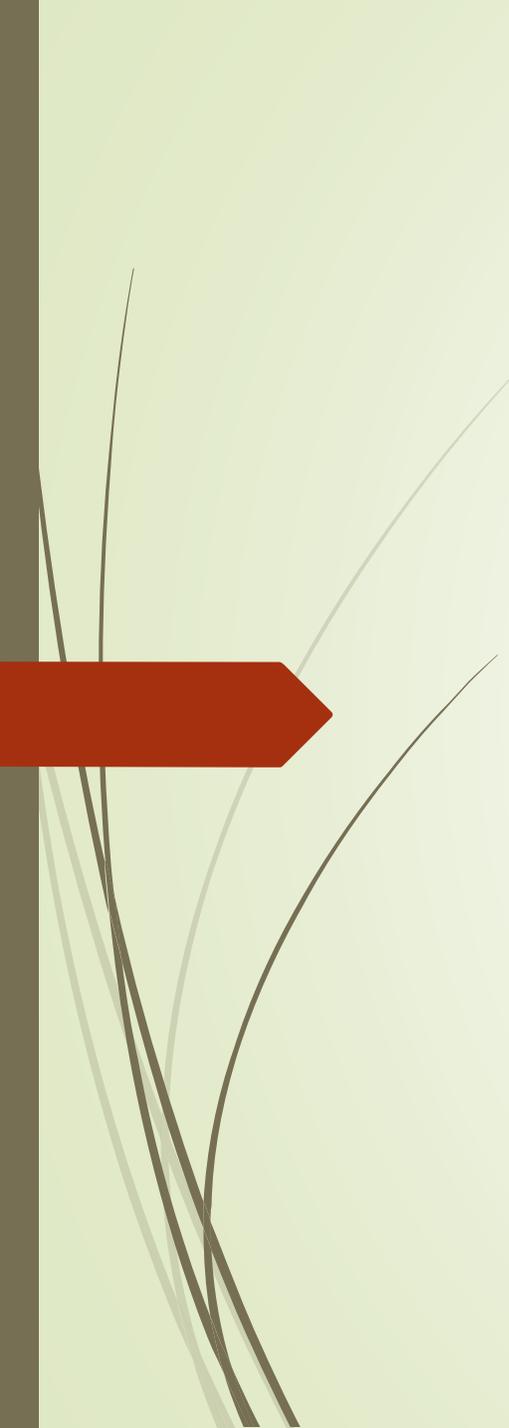
“Spiritual leadership blends natural and spiritual qualities. Yet, even the natural qualities are supernatural gifts, since all good things come from God.”

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“Both natural and spiritual qualities reach their greatest effectiveness when employed in the service of God and for His glory”

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“The personality of the spiritual leader influences others because it is penetrated, saturated and empowered by the Holy Spirit”

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“When I came to you...my message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power.”

1 Corinthians 2:1 – 4

What is a Spiritual Gift?

“A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the body of Christ according to God’s grace, for use within the context of the church.”

- 1 Peter 4:10-11
- 1 Corinthians 12: 4 – 11
- Acts 6: 1 – 7



Are leaders born or made?



Natural and Spiritual Leadership

Natural

- Self-confident
- Knows people
- Makes own decisions
- Ambitious
- Creates plans & methods
- Enjoys command
- Seeks personal reward
- Independent

Spiritual

- Confident in God
- Knows God
- Seeks God's will
- Humble
- Follows God's example
- Enjoys obedience to God
- Loves God & others
- Depends on God

What is Spiritual Leadership?





“Leadership in the sense of rendering maximum service; leadership in the sense of the largest unselfishness; in the sense of full-hearted absorption in the greatest work of the world: building up the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ”

John Mott



For Reflection

- What qualities do you most look for in a leader?
 - In what ways are you that kind of leader?
 - What “natural” leadership abilities do you sense God has given or built into you?
 - Where do you fit in the chart of Natural and Spiritual leadership qualities?
 - How will you use your gifts and talents to serve in the Kingdom of God?
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