

A RIDE NATURE MINISTRY RESOURCE

THE 3 C'S OF
LEADERSHIP

CHARACTER | COMPETENCY | CULTURE

LEADERSHIP

lead·er·ship

"THE ACTION OF LEADING A GROUP OF PEOPLE OR AN ORGANIZATION."

Leadership is both a gift and something that can also be learned/taught. Someone can be a good leader with only a few following, on the flip side, someone can be a bad leader with a large following. So when we look at the role of leadership, we do not base our assessment on the amount of people following them, but on the level of their character, competency, and culture. We call this the 3 C's of leadership. We like to assess people's leadership in these three qualities. These qualities that we look at are also in order of importance to leadership positions. First we look at their character, then their competency, and finally their culture. Good leaders are hard to find, and we want to encourage you to be a good leader that is a blessing to others.



A person in a yellow shirt is captured mid-air, performing a bicycle stunt. They are positioned above a wooden ramp. In the foreground, another person wearing a helmet and dark clothing is riding a bicycle on the ramp. The background consists of a dense forest of green trees under a bright sky. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

"BE IMITATORS
OF ME,
AS I AM
OF CHRIST."

- APOSTLE PAUL

CHARACTER

"ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE, VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THAT TRULY QUALIFIES A PERSON FOR LEADERSHIP IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO CHARACTER."

- JOHN MACARTHUR

The first thing that you look for in a leader is good character. This is a non-negotiable quality for putting someone in a leadership position. This means that if you want to be a leader, you must have excellent moral character. This comes with high integrity, ethically and morally Christ like. I don't care how competent someone is; if they do not have good character then they can not be trusted to make the right decisions.

Leaders who lack character can get people moving but they will make decisions that will ultimately be bad for the majority of the followers. The last thing you want is a leader who is willing to sacrifice their character for gain. Character is found in word and in deed, so observe that the character of the leader is Christ like in both.



COMPETENCY

"A TRUE SHEPHERD LEADS THE WAY.
HE DOES NOT MERELY POINT THE
WAY."

- LEONARD RAVENHILL

The second quality that you want to look for in a leader is competency. This is probably and obvious quality to look for but it is very important. Just because someone has high character and is a likable person, that does not mean they are competent to lead. A leader must be able to lead, and complete the tasks that are required of them. A leader is someone who can do the job, as well as teach others to do the job. Someone who is consistently undependable to finish the job that they are given are probably not competent to be a leader. A leader is always going to be looked to from others to give them direction. A good leader needs to know where they are going and how to get there. Lastly, a good leader needs to be willing to go where they are leading the others.



CULTURE

"LEADERS MUST BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO RELATE TO OTHERS, BUT FAR ENOUGH AHEAD TO MOTIVATE THEM."

- JOHN C. MAXWELL

The third quality that you should look for in a leader is their involvement and integration of the culture that they will be leading. It is very helpful to have a leader who is immersed in the culture. For instance, if you have a leader who has never skateboarded before in their life, it would be hard for them to lead a skateboard ministry. Because they do not know the culture, they do not talk the same lingo, and they do not understand the people that they are being asked to lead. We believe that it is extremely helpful to have a high level of culture knowledge and experience when in a leadership position. Although culture is very helpful and important, it is not the most important. So if you need to be a little lenient on a quality, this would be the one.



SELF ASSESSMENT

RATE YOURSELF ON A SCALE
OF 1-10 ON YOUR 3 C'S.

CHARACTER

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

COMPETENCY

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

CULTURE

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

SELF REFLECTION: What are ways that you can improve these areas?
Do you recognize areas that you need to put more attention into?
What are the next steps?



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AND MAKING DISCIPLES
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

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"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY
SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY
WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

ACTS 1:8