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The person who has most influenced my understanding of leadership and ministry in my Church is my senior pastor and general overseer-Dr. Festus Adeyeye of Abundant life Christian Center Church with the international headquarters in Brooklyn, New York City. I have known him for more than 15 years and counting. My experiences that I have shared with him are in the areas of prayer, Bible study, and Evangelism. He is a good leader and pastor that does what he says, and says what he does!

He is also a very good example of an obedient steward and leader of a very prominent Apostolic ministry. My major experience with him is in the area of my health; when I joined his ministry, I was challenged emotionally with depression, having recently left the U.S Army. I was totally healed by his laying of hands on my head from the spirit of depression. This is a very prominent and powerful testimony of God's healing miracle working power in my life through my mentor.

Another thing that impacted me in his ministry is his evangelism and apostolic ministry. Evangelism being a command of the Lord is a weekly occurrence on every Saturday in his church. He also teaches by examples. Every Saturday, he is in his Jeans pant and other simple cloths to go to the streets and the neighborhoods to witness to the Mentally ill, drunkards, the homeless, as well as every hurting people he comes across. His ministry has really challenged me because most of the people he ministered to eventually became members of his church, and they are prayed for, nurtured in the word of God, and in house fellowship. I am one of the house fellowship Coordinators.

I would like to emulate his grace of healing anointing to deliver the Oppressed that I come across in my ministry. Also, I would like to emulate his apostolic grace and mandate as a Bishop. As a Bishop, he has networks of churches under his leadership and ministry. His ministry has branched out to nations of the earth as well as within the United States of America. I would like to become an Apostle and a bishop like him, pastoring Campuses or networks of churches under my own leadership as I have submitted and learnt from him as my mentor whom I really admire.

My ministry has been positively impacted by his ministry in such an enormous way. As I walk and move in his footsteps, I see his grace manifested in my life. I think one of the reasons why this is possible is because he gave me some of his cloths like blazers, suits, sweaters and shoes and sneakers. Since I believe in the transference of the anointing just as when Elijah left his mantle behind for Elisha, I have been privileged to lead prayers like him, and also teach like him in his Bible institute, a scholarly arm of his ministry and leadership.

Another thing that is demonstrated in his ministry and life that I will like to see in my own life is his personal lifestyle, that I have observed and studied closely. He is soft spoken, never easily angry, always walking and working in patience and love. He is a very peaceful and gentle man. I would like to emulate these character- traits in his life. I want to see them all manifested in my life, Ministry and family, as well as my marriage. This is because his marriage is peaceful, void of disharmony and discords. My ministry has been helped and sustained by closely following my pastor as an ordained minister in his ministry.

FINALLY, THE SPECIFIC WAYS THAT MY MINISTRY AND STYLE OF LEADERSHIP ARE SIMILAR TO THAT OF MY SENIOR PASTOR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Similar in the area of faith preaching.
2. Similar in realizing healing grace through the anointing oil to people.
3. Similar in pastoral mandate.
4. Similar in Apostolic mandate.
5. Similar in the style of leadership with members of trustees.
6. Similar in the style of leadership toward clearly defined goals.
7. Similar in the style of ministry by keeping congregational authority clear.
8. Similar in the style of ministry of ordinations of leaders and leadership by establishing clear guidelines!