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My Leadership Style

My style of Christian leadership is leading by example. Although this is not an easy way to lead because people will judge you regardless, I find having compassion, patience, and purpose to be most needed. The commander and shepherd have been helpful in my life as a leader.

The commander style of leadership seems to exemplify all things not good, looking from a distance, however, it has many effective tools for leadership. Although I did not choose this style for myself, some of the characteristics are a part of my personality. The person that is decisive, exhorter, controlling, competitive, demanding, perfectionist, confrontational, all leading to having focus, power-conscious, and being dominating. I see some of these attributes in myself as I try to be a positive example. I can be decisive because we should make up our minds and not be tossed all over the place when it comes to making effective decisions. I believe it's ok to fail at some things to learn from them because effective leaders learn to get back up. Exhorter, controlling, competitive, and demanding are all part of the same family in my leadership skills because I do this with great compassion for others, as Jesus Christ and Moses did. Although being a perfectionist and confrontational doesn't sound good, it is sometimes needed to lead effectively, for example when confronted with opposition, rebellion, and lack of submission from those who constantly demonstrate negativity or illegal behavior effecting my vision. It is necessary and the responsibility of a leader to be confrontational at times against this behavior. Great leaders like, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., President Obama, Nelson Mandela, and of course the biblical example of Jesus Christ and Moses, have shown commander leadership styles when necessary and were able to persevere, although not always accepted.

The Shepherd characteristics is also a leadership style I follow as I strive to lead by example, but I'm not always successful and actually find it hard at times. However, I have learned that people will not always receive you and I must try to stay focused on exemplifying love and empathy to others in spite of rejection. People-pleasing, spontaneous, informal, sharing, and participative are characteristics of a Shepherd. These styles are great and pleasing to read yet I find it hard to be consistent with it. For example, for me to be a people pleaser is almost impossible when it comes to compromising the truth, morals, and ethics. A sensitive, procrastinating, accommodating, emotional, conflicting-avoiding, and contemplative are also some characteristics of a Shephard. I find in my leadership skills that procrastination is not all bad because as we learn the red flags in our lives, we can turn them into positive effects and are able to identify the differences between good procrastination and bad procrastination, which helps me understand others a little better. The key is being able to identify it first within yourself.

In conclusion, the commander style of leadership seem to exemplify all things not good, but have many effective tools for leadership that I use. It is not easy being a woman in leadership, but has always been done biblically, historically, and still is. For example, Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene who wiped Jesus' feet competing with the disciples for Jesus's acceptance, Hillary Clinton who changed many laws in America, and of course Michelle Obama who walked side by side with her husband to lead America. Women who have a commander leadership style are judged harder than men by society and we expect diversity in many areas of life, as well as men. Although the characteristics of a shepherd is considered most important I understanding my personality development is through many influences that God uses to do his will his way.