
LACK OF CHURCH LEADERS

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Taken from one of “Daniel’s Travel Journal” entries, this short article describes several reasons why there is a lack of leaders in the church today.

My theory for the *lack of leaders* in churches is quite simple:

- Jesus told us to pray for more leaders/shepherds because He understood that God chooses to do most of His work through individual people, and most miracles are the result of someone praying, speaking, going, or otherwise engaging in ministry to another person;
- When the shepherds/leaders are removed, the sheep scatter and become prey to wild beasts (evil influences); therefore,
- If the enemy can reduce the number of Christians who are willing to be leaders, he can retard the growth and the ministry effectiveness of many, many believers.
- That’s why Jesus emphasized discipleship—developing believers who follow Jesus (of course), but who also lead other believers into becoming those who lead still others.

Leaders/shepherds/servants-to-others are the core component for church. Without strong, servant-hearted leaders, a congregation will never be any real threat to the powers of darkness.

Jesus said that even the least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11; Luke 7:28). Even if we feel like we’re inadequate for ministry, even when we feel like we’re not ready, it’s very difficult to convince God that He has made a mistake in asking us to lead others. All the long-term excitement and joy in the Christian life is found in serving the purposes of God by serving the people of God.