PERSONAL STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

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Christian leadership is influencing others to accomplish a Godly mission together by serving that mission, serving those being led, and serving those impacted by the mission.[1] That leader is a humble, courageous, loving servant, the type of leader exemplified by Christ and to which called his followers.[2] He shepherds with integrity and guides with capable hands.[3] He calls people to a vision that they also find fulfilling, seeks to empower and equip them to use their gifts for the mission, and is not motivated by selfish ambition but by fulfilling God's mission and purposes.[4]

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[1] James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner, *The Truth About Leadership: The No-Fads, Heart-of-the-Matter Facts You Need To Know,* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2010), 73-74; J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership: A Commitment to Excellence for Every Believer,* (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2007), 13; Aubrey Malphurs, *Being Leaders: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership,* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2003), 91-93.

[2] *NET Bible*, (n.p.: Biblical Studies Press, 2001), Matthew 20:25-28; 23:11-12; Mark 10:35-35; Luke 22:24-27; Philippians 2:1-11. All scripture notes are cited from The NET Bible; Kouzes and Posner, *The Truth About Leadership,* 152; Malphurs, *Being Leaders,* 34-42; 63-65; J. Oswald Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership: A Commitment to Excellence for Every Believer,* (Chicago: Moody Publishers, 2007), 60-62.

[3] *NET Bible*, Psalm 78:70-72; Malphurs, *Being Leaders,* 13-21; 56-57; 80-86. In his book, Dr. Malphurs lays a foundation for leading with Godly character (integrity), or as the Psalmist says, an upright heart, empowered by the Holy Spirit, as the core from which the leader's motives come.

[4] *NET Bible*, Philippians 2:3; Ephesians 4:1-16: Andy Seidel, "Jesus as a Developer of Leaders, Part 2" in "SL305SW: Dynamics of Christian Leadership: Biblical Foundation," (videos), accessed November 23, 2014, https://online.dts.edu/courses/1331/assignments/10663?module_item_id=122247, video 15; Sanders, *Spiritual Leadership,* 55-58.

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