Leadership

A leader is someone who has influence. If you are involved in ministry in any capacity, you are a leader.

A strong leader has people who assist him. His will is for the church to grow, flourish, and keep moving forward.

It's important to be selective with good leaders. You will produce what you promote. If you promote someone who is unfaithful, he will produce followers who are unfaithful. If you promote someone who is faithful, he will produce followers who are faithful.

Four C's of Leadership:

1. **Clean:** How you live your life matters. You represent God and your church with everything you do. We've got to be clean before God, the people we lead, and the people we serve.
2. **Cooperative**: Team players. Not just me and what I do, but us and what we do. A chain is only as strong as the weakest link. It's beautiful when a church is united.
3. **Consistent:** Show the same character in the valley as you do on the mountaintop. Just because you are up or down does not give you the right to be in with God or out. We have to remain in and be consistent with what we do, even in the valley.
4. **Connected**: No lone Rangers. We need each other. We make each other better when we are connected. If the enemy cannot divide us, he cannot defeat us.

Productive leaders will always do 4 things:

a) **Keep their eye on the prize:** Jesus, waiting to hear, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." I want to live my life every day in such a way that Jesus can say, "He's mine, she's mine." We are rewarded for remaining faithful.

b) **Never play to the crowd**: A good team sticks to the game plan wherever they play, home or away. Always give it your best like you are taking your cues from heaven not from people.

c) **A good leader stays in the game**: even when they are hurt. A mediocre leader is quick to leave the game. Stand firm in your faith even when hurt.

d) **Refuse to consider defeat**: "We cannot lose" has to be a mindset. We can say, "What can I change or do differently?" but not, "I give up." Play the game expecting to win. We have been called to **Triumph** We are more than a conqueror.