

LEADERSHIP

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us...he that ruleth, with diligence... (Romans 12:6,8)

The spiritual gift of leadership is the ability to set goals in accord with God's purpose and to communicate these goals to others. A person with this gift motivates and leads others to accomplish these goals for the glory of God.

Leadership is mentioned in Romans 12 and the qualification for this gift is that one leads [rules] with diligence. Diligence means to show constant care and effort to accomplish what is undertaken. It means to be industrious, attentive, and to persevere.

A person with the gift of leadership should lead his own family well:

For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? (I Timothy 3:5)

This is true for one with the gift of administration as well.

Believers should show respect for those who are leaders in the church:

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake... (I Thessalonians 5:12-13)

We are told to...

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17)