

Without wise leadership, a nation falls; there is safety in having many advisers.

Proverbs 11:14 (NLT)

When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. **Proverbs 29:2 (NLT)**

LEADERSHIP REALITIES

1. WE ALL HAVE A _____ TO LEAD

- Two aspects of self leadership

1. Self _____

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. **Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)**

2. Self _____

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)**

2. SOME OF US HAVE BEEN GIVEN A _____ TO LEAD

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. **Romans 12:6-8 (NIV)**

LEADERSHIP PLATFORMS

- Things to remember about platforms

1. God is the one who gave you the _____ to _____ your platform
2. Often the best climate for building a platform is _____
3. If you _____ off of your platform, somebody's going to get _____

3. WE ALL ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GOD AS TO HOW WE _____ THE LEADERSHIP HE HAS GIVEN US

What responsible leaders do

- They _____ for something
- They have a _____ message

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. **Philippians 4:8 (NIV)**

- They give people _____ for the future

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**

- They give people a place to _____

Come to me, ALL you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. **Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)**