

*Legitimate and illegitimate voices of leadership ... both exercise influence*

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Jesus personified leadership. He guided people, aimed them toward truth, and showed the way to love, forgiveness, and eternal life. The best place to start in defining leadership is with Jesus. The true voice of leadership will embody mercy, empowerment, evangelism, and reproduce the Kingdom. directed thinking,

Many people exercise influence over others and attempt to lead them without having arrived at their leadership position by legitimate means. The difference between a legitimate and an illegitimate leader cannot often be found in the amount of influence they exercise, but rather how they came to power. It is imperative that we follow the legitimate voice of leadership empowered by God and placed in position through a recognized and accepted process. Beware of self-appointed prophets.

Prayer for Today

Father, give me the strength and grace to acknowledge the gifts that are within me and allow those gifts to work through me with Your power and love. Help me discern the voices which attempt to influence me.

Scriptures for Today

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim ... but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. (NAS95)

James 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. (NKJV)