

# FIRST THINGS FIRST



The Priority of Leadership

## Memory Verse – Matthew 6:33

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”**



# Importance of Leadership

- **Makes all aspect of any entity work in decorum; that factor that makes everything work together seamlessly.**
- **For spiritual leadership we know our God is an orderly God.**



# Why Make Leadership a Priority in Our Lives

- 1. Because Christ is our Leader.**
  - Ephesians 4:11-16 & John 15:9-11
- 2. Each one of us here is a leader of a sort.**  
**We need to know how to engage**
  - Ephesians 4:11
- 3. Leaders should be able to move people towards God's agenda. – Romans 10:1**



# How Do We Cultivate the Attitude of Spiritual Leadership?

- **To imitate Christ as our head. – 1 Corinthians 11:1**
- **We need the Holy Spirit to coach us to be influential as leaders. – Romans 11:16**
- **We need the righteousness of God to be imputed on us. – 1 Corinthians 1:30**



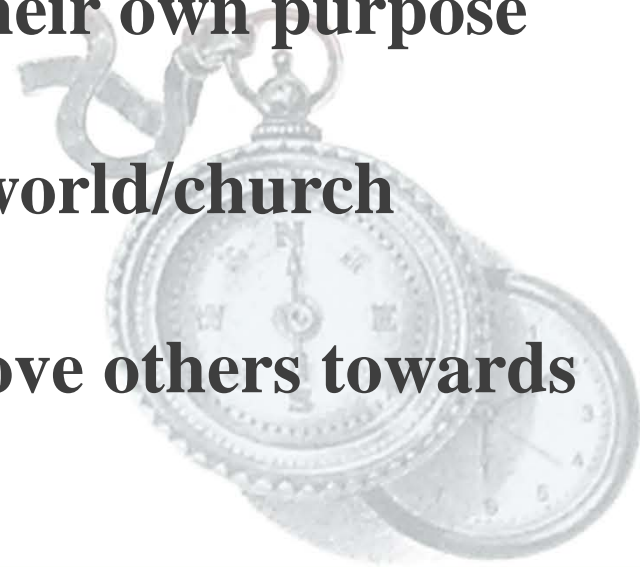
# How Do We Cultivate the Attitude of Spiritual Leadership?

- **Sin should be utterly sin. – Ecclesiastes 10:8**
- **Christians battle flesh daily. – Romans 6:6-7**
- **Walk in the Holy Spirit. – Galatians 5:16-17**



# Ways to Lead

- **As servants to lead people to encounter God**  
– John 13:5-9
- **By Example for others to discover their own purpose and identity** – John 13:14-15
- **By Teaching others to impact their world/church**  
– 1 Timothy 4:6, Romans 12:6-8
- **Know God's purpose and will, to move others towards God's agenda** – Romans 10:9-10



# Kind of Spiritual Leaders God Desires

- **To be Holy. – 1 Peter 1:15**
- **To give Him our all. – Romans 12:1**
- **To love the things of God. – 1 John 2:15**
- **To work in His kingdom. – Luke 10:2**

