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Are you a leader? Do people seek you out when things are chaotic to help them find the way to a solution? If so, Why? What do you carry? Knowingly or not? What do others see in you that draws them to you? These are just some of the questions I'd like you to think about over the next few months. I didn't realize the number I would end up with when I started, and as a result, this study of leaders and leadership will be over the next three months. I encourage you to not only study these leaders but also conduct a self-study as to which characteristics you also possess. Some are carried by all, but others are unique to their own calling and purpose. How and where do you identify and fit?

Let's look at some of the leaders of the Bible. Here's a clear, structured list of key leaders from the Bible, along with defining characteristics and supporting scriptures. I've kept it practical so you can see what made each one effective.

### **Biblical Leaders & Their Characteristics**

#### **1. Moses – Humility & Obedience**

##### **Characteristics:**

- Humble despite authority (“Now Moses was very humble...” (Numbers 12:3)
- Obedient to God's direction (Exodus 40:16)
- Intercessor for others (*Intercession*: (Exodus 32:11–14)

#### **2. David – Heart for God & Repentance**

##### **Characteristics:**

- Deep love for God (1 Samuel 13:14)
- Courageous leader (1 Samuel 17:45–47)
- Quick to repent when wrong (Psalm 51)

#### **3. Solomon – Wisdom (and Warning Against Drift)**

##### **Characteristics:**

- God-given wisdom (1 Kings 3:9–12)
- Discernment in leadership (1 Kings 3:28)
- Later spiritual compromise (1 Kings 11:4)

#### **4. Nehemiah – Vision & Perseverance**

##### **Characteristics:**

- Strong leadership vision (Nehemiah 2:17–18)
- Prayerful decision-making (Nehemiah 1:4)

- Perseverance under opposition (Nehemiah 4:6–9)

### 5. Esther – Courage & Purpose

#### Characteristics:

- Courage in crisis (Esther 4:14–16)
- Willingness to risk her life (Esther 4:11-12)
- Sense of divine purpose (Esther 4:14)

### 6. Daniel – Integrity & Faithfulness

#### Characteristics:

- Consistent prayer life (Daniel 6:4)
- Integrity under pressure (Daniel 6:10)
- Faithfulness in exile (Daniel 6:22)

### 7. Peter – Boldness & Growth

#### Characteristics:

- Bold and outspoken (Acts 2:14–41)
- Initially impulsive (Matthew 16:22, Matthew 26:33-35, John 18:10)
- Transformed into a strong leader (John 21:15–17)

### Key Leadership Themes

Across these leaders, a few consistent traits stand out:

- **Faith in God** (Hebrews 11)
- **Obedience** (Deuteronomy 28:1)
- **Humility** (James 4:10)
- **Courage** (Esther 4:14-16)
- **Repentance and growth** (1 John 1:9)
- **Servanthood** (Matthew 23:11)

Let's look at these side by side, think about the traits of these mighty leaders and yourself.

#### Side-by-Side Comparison Table of Biblical Leaders

Leader	Key Trait(s)	Strength Displayed	Weakness / Lesson	Key Scripture
Moses	Humility, Obedience	Led Israel out of Egypt	Struck the rock in anger	Numbers 12:3; Exodus 40:16
David	Heart for God, Repentance	Courage vs. Goliath	Sin with Bathsheba	1 Samuel 17; Psalm 51
Solomon	Wisdom	Asked God for wisdom	Turned to idolatry	1 Kings 3:9–12; 11:4
Nehemiah	Vision, Perseverance	Rebuilt Jerusalem walls	Faced opposition	Nehemiah 2:17–18
Esther	Courage, Purpose	Saved her people	Risked her life	Esther 4:14–16
Daniel	Integrity, Faithfulness	Stayed faithful in exile	Faced persecution	Daniel 6:10
Peter	Boldness, Growth	Preached at Pentecost	Denied Jesus	Acts 2; John 18

So now that we have a basis of what a leader and biblical leadership should look like, where do I start? How does this apply to me, and how do I grow into the leader God has called me to be?

### **1. Leadership Begins with Character**

- Example: Moses (humility), Daniel (integrity)
- Point: God values *who you are* before *what you do*. (Proverbs 4:23)

### **2. Leadership Requires Faith & Obedience**

- Example: Moses, Daniel
- Point: You won't always see the full plan (Hebrews 11:8)

### **3. Leadership Involves Failure & Growth**

- Example: David, Peter
- Point: Failure doesn't disqualify you - refusal to repent does (1 John 1:9)

### **4. Leadership Is Servanthood**

- Example: Jesus Christ
- Point: Biblical leadership is not about power, but service (Mark 10:45)

### **5. Leadership Requires Courage**

- Example: Esther, Daniel
- Point: Doing right often involves risk (Esther 4:11:16)

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Which leader do you relate to most and why?
2. What area of leadership is hardest for you (faith, courage, humility)?
3. How do you respond when you fail?
4. What do I need to change to become more like a biblical leader?
5. Am I teachable?

Next month, we will look at seven more leaders and expand our table as well as our insight into our own leadership characteristics. Until then, remember we are ALL a work in progress, none has arrived, and it is only by His grace and mercy that we can be and do anything for the kingdom. He calls you His sons and daughters and only has plans to prosper you and not harm, but to provide you a hope and a future. (Jer 29:11)

Blessings and prayers from CHIEF Ministries,

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