

Christian Leadership

Understanding the differences between a Secular Leader and a Christian Leader

There are “Secular Leaders” and then there are “Christian Leaders.” The chart below will assist you and knowing the difference as to what kind of leader you are and the values you can and are delivering. You have a choice as to the role in which you choose to play during your time here on planet earth. Study the chart’s seven areas to see where your leadership results lie.

Leadership Aspirations & Motivations	Secular Leadership After-Effects & Consequences	Christian Leadership After-Effects & Consequences
Core Motivation	Will result in the advancement of a good Cause	Will also result in the advancement of the Glory of Christ
Leadership Attractiveness	To be a part of making a difference for the betterment of humanity	To glorify God by elevating and strengthening the kingdom of God
Source of power for success	Reliant on the knowledge and disciplined leadership skills of man	Also reliant on the added blessing and guidance of God through prayer
Intended Impact	Solve a human dilemma to eliminate a current problem and/or challenge	Solve a human heart problem to advance a relationship with Jesus
Personal Accomplishment	The world is a better place because of what I did	Heaven’s population is growing because of Jesus

Personal Satisfaction	My Leadership is making a difference	My Leadership is being used by God
People's Reaction	People will be inspired by what I say	People will be inspired by who I am

Critical guidelines for Interpreting the Chart above:

It must be quickly stated that when deciphering and applying this chart to your life, be sure to note that as a "Christian Leader" you experience all the benefits and outcomes for a Secular Leader's After-Effects PLUS all the After-Effects of being a Christian Leader. Or said another way, you can succeed as a Secular Leader but forfeit all the After-Effects that you could have experienced if you had moved up to the role of being a Christian Leader.

How do I elevate my leadership role to one of being a Christian Leader?

For sure, some inspiration comes from what you say and what you do, but powerful and sustainable inspiration can only come from who you are. Christian leaders have a magnetic personality that attracts people to them. The Bible describes this kind of individual this way:

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 (New Living Translation)

Or translating this verse into our everyday language, you are the epitome of leadership inspiration when you are oozing with peace and joy because God has become your constant source of hope which causes and enables you to have overflowing confidence. This can only happen when you are a Holy Spirit filled Christ-follower displaying the fruits of the Spirit.

There is an observable and pronounced difference between a secular leader and a Christian leader. The chart above seeks to identify those salient differences. The Bible is filled with stories of Godly Leaders. And God wants you to respond to His calling, the world needs your inspirational Christian Leadership. Will you adhere to Jesus, who beckons you to follow Him and He will make you fishers of men?

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