

Leaders Are People, Too!

With the sermons on elders, I cannot help but think about the scrutiny under which we have often place candidates as well as those in the eldership! Certainly, some scrutiny is required; after all, there are qualifications! With that said, let's remember a few things God tells us when we examine the lives of those who would lead us!

1. Remember The "Golden Rule."

Matthew 7:12 *whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

2. Remember To Make "Good Judgments."

John 7:24 *Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.*

3. Remember Not To Be Judgmental

Matthew 7:2 *For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged.*

4. Remember To Pray

- a. Pray that your thoughts are not out of envy or anger!

James 3:15 *This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.*

- b. Pray that the prospective leader will be what God wants him to be.

1 Timothy 2:1 *I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,*

- c. Pray that the prospective leader will have the wisdom to make good decisions about himself as well as those who would follow him.

Colossians 1:9 *we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,*

5. Remember To Be Kind

Romans 12:10 *Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

6. Remember To Love.

1 Peter 4:8 *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

Love to all,
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