GROWING as LEADERS

Seeing Leadership Differently

What is Christian Leadership?

Leadership Definitions

Here are a variety of leadership/leader definitions, some written from a specifically Christian perspective, others not.

Give each definition a number where:
1 = Strongly disagree
5 = Strongly agree.

'A leader is anyone who takes responsibility for finding the potential in people and processes, and who has the courage to develop that potential.'
Brene Brown

'Leadership: the application of God's Word to God's people.'
Chris Green

'A relational process of social influence through which people are inspired, enabled and mobilised to act in positive, new ways, towards the achievement of God's purposes.'
Ian Parkinson

'A leader is a person with a God-given capacity and a God-given responsibility to influence a specific group of people towards God's purposes for the group.'
Robert Clinton

'Managing relationships as a pathway to igniting and sustaining vision and purpose.'
Esther Prior

'Leadership is the capacity and the will to rally men and women to a common purpose and the character with which to inspire confidence.'
Field Marshal Montgomery

'A Christian leader is someone who is called to lead; leads with and through Christ-like character; and demonstrates the functional competencies that permit effective leadership to take place.'
George Barna

'Christian leadership calls believers to collaborative, relational, Christ-like forms of leading, resisting models rooted in hierarchy or dominance and instead emphasising shared ministry shaped by the character of Christ.'
Mandy Smith

'Leadership is the art of mobilising solution creators.'
Richard Moy

'Christian leadership is the act of influencing and serving others for Christ's purposes, with character and allegiance to God's will as the foundation of all leadership actions.'
June Chambliss

'Leadership is a process of social influence, which maximises the efforts of others towards the achievement of a goal.'
Kevin Kruse

'To be a midwife to what the Spirit is bringing to birth.'
Dave Meldrum

'Christian leadership is a servant-oriented relationship whereby those who lead, under God's leadership, through Christ-like example and stewarding their God-given capacity, work with others to nurture people, communities and organisations towards kingdom-honouring attitudes and actions.'
James Lawrence

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For Reflection

Which definition resonates most with you?
Which do you find more challenging or uncomfortable, and why?
How would you describe Christian leadership?

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