

Spiritual Leadership For Church Leaders

A Handbook
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“Yet Elders and Deacons if present, are still the backbone of any Presbyterian church, and few churches rise far above the level of leadership of their lay leaders” pg ix



God raises up among the Christians in a congregation the gifts needed to carry on ministry in that place.



A spiritual leader is one whose way of life is centered in a relationship with God revealed in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Pg 3

Spirituality is a way of life that leads to a deeper relationship with God.



Leader...

A leader exercises authority or influence to motivate other people to follow him or her. Leadership implies movement and change. Pg 3

Leaders have a vision of something that is not yet accomplished.

Spiritual Leaders

A Spiritual Leader leads others to seek and do God's will.

God does not call the qualified;

God qualifies the called.



Think of Someone you have
know who you would call a
spiritual leader.

What
characteristics, habits, or
practices that made that
person effective?

Spirituality

When you hear the word
Spirituality what comes to
mind?



Session as Spiritual Leaders

What is your reaction to this statement?

“The primary work of a Presbyterian session is to lead a congregation to seek and do God’s will.”

Authority to Lead

Authority and leadership are intertwined. Authority is what enables leaders to motivate followers to move together toward a goal.



Authority is from Jesus Christ

At the deepest level, all authority exercised in the church belongs to Jesus Christ; Christ delegates spiritual authority to those called to lead.



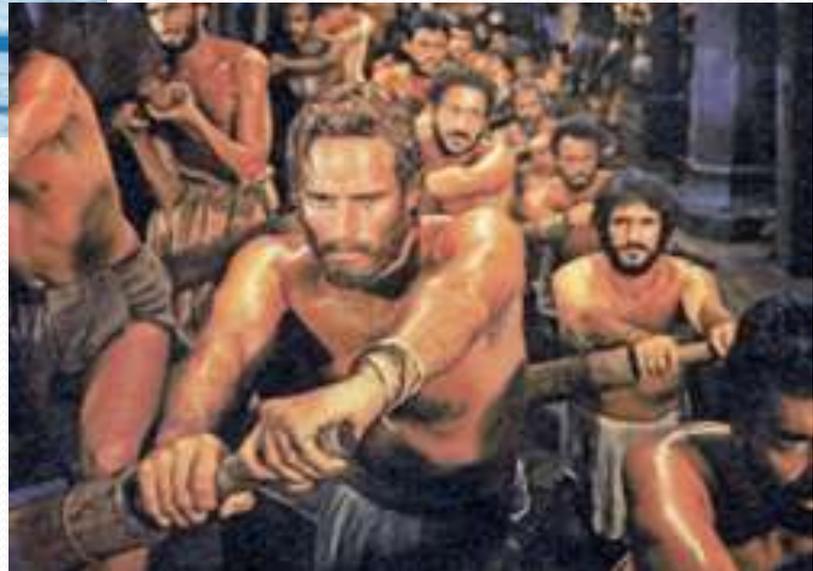
*Scripture and tradition support the
authority of Elders.*

What factor's erode that
“automatic” authority?



Turn to page 12 and please reread through the end of the chapter.

What are some of the ways that Christ Presbyterian Church grants authority to its leaders?





**What are the qualities
of rowboat churches?**



The early believers used a sailboat to symbolize the church because the idea of being powered by the Holy Spirit of God, as the wind moves a boat, was at the heart of their experience of being church. From the beginning the church was intended to be a God-powered movement.



What are the qualities of
sailboat churches?



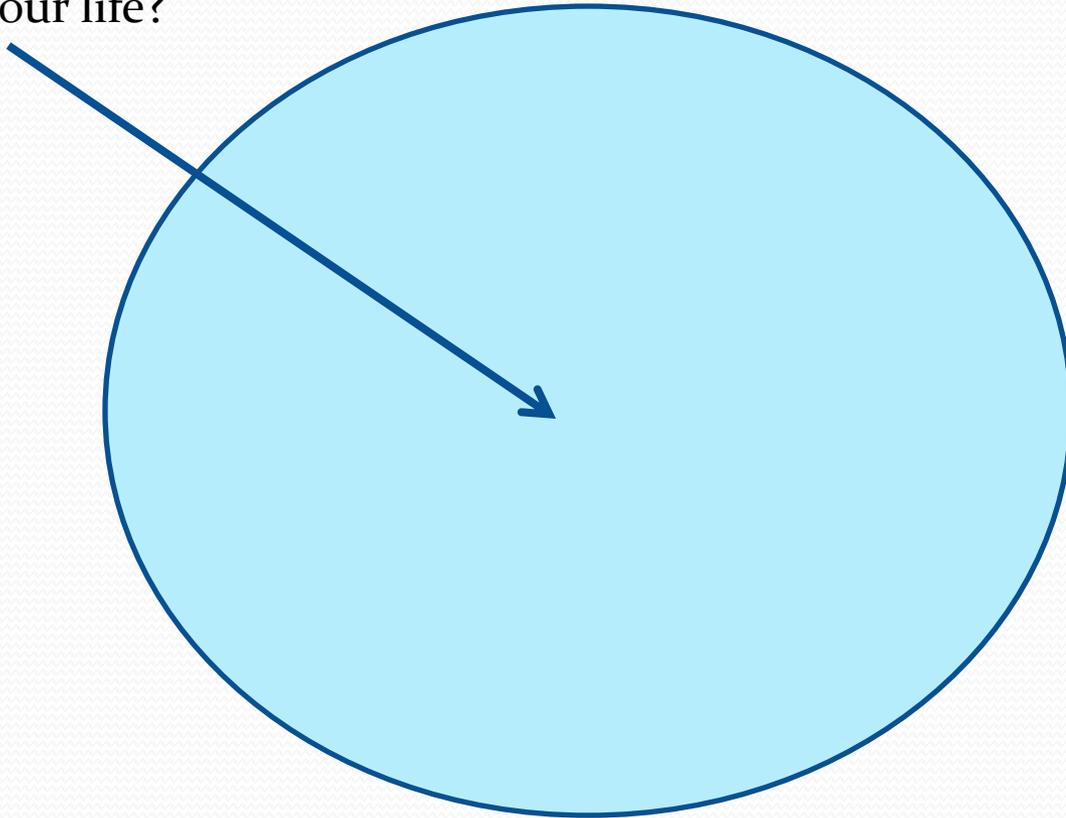
Three basic components of being the church in a new way.

Passion for God

Faith in God's provision

Willingness to let go

Where is God in relation to
the center of your life?



How does this relationship with God empower your
ministry as a Church officer?

Sailing Skills for Church Leaders

Sanctified Imagination

Rising Above Self-interest for the Good of the Church

The Willingness to Risk and Fail

The Ability to Discern and use the Gifts of others in God's Work

Using the resources of Tradition and History

Discerning *Kairos* Moments

Leadership Style

Divide into small groups to discuss the various leadership styles.

Provide a summery to the group on the assigned style.

<http://www.sermonspice.com/product/2495/be-an-encourager>



What's Your
Natural
Leadership Style?



What's are the styles of
leadership that our
congregation expects from
its Pastor and Officers?

What is the difference
between a servant leader
and leaders who act like
slaves or martyrs?

<http://youtu.be/EKAMLBqSjzo>

Read advertisement on the top of page 68

**Why did you say yes to
being an Elder for Christ
Presbyterian Church?**

Conflict

v. Kuh n-flikt; n. kon-flikt

1. to come into collision or disagreement; be contradictory, at variance, or in opposition; clash
2. to fight or contend; do battle

Effective Spiritual Leaders are not surprised by conflict. They expect it and prepare to deal with it in healthy ways.



Have you seen God bring
good out of a situation
that on it's face seemed
negative?



How do you respond to the statement that a church that never experiences conflict is dead?



What causes conflict in
the church?

How can leaders work to
keep conflict out of hand?