

Psalm 23 - Leads Me

Dr. John Maxwell is a noted author and speaker who is frequently quoted on the topic of leadership. He defines "Leadership as influence." He also says, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Jesus as the Good Shepherd has influence over His sheep because they know how much He cares for them.

Jesus does not drive us like a ramrod on a cattle drive. He goes out in front and takes care of any and all problems that might harm us. Through His Word Jesus tells us what we need to know. His Word gives us guidance as found in Psalm 119:105: "*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*"

The most effective and timeless style of leadership ever found is Servant Leadership as taught and modeled by Christ Jesus. Servant Leadership means to provide aid to others and help them to grow in spiritual lives and skills as leaders without any expectation of even the least of returns. This model He leaves for to follow as we are His witnesses here on earth.

God gives His Church servant leaders in form of church workers (deaconesses, directors of Christian education, pastors, teachers etc.) who are equipped to lead us in our spiritual health and welfare. We need to acknowledge them as God's representatives. We need to follow their biblical offerings. AND, we need to support them in their ministries.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, I continually get lost when I am on my own. Come into my life and lead me with your loving care. Influence my every thought. Help me to use Your Word as my ultimate guide for every decision. Help church workers everywhere to be in your Word and be faithful to its teachings. Amen.