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SUBMISSIVE LEADERSHIP

In today's Christendom leadership is totally misunderstood. It is replaced by controlling nature rather than leading by genuine lifestyle example! Let us look in the life of Moses. He was an outstanding leader in the Bible.

1. HOPE AND FAITH: When Moses was born his parents saw that he was a proper child and they wanted to spare his life and therefore by faith they sent him down into the river. And amazing thing is by faith Pharaoh's daughter took Moses out of river as her own. But actually his parents looked after his childhood. But Bible says when Moses came of age, he refused the house of Pharaoh, the fame and wealth and chose God and his own people. And because Moses had **HOPE and FAITH** in God he could do it (Hebrews 11:24). Today's Christian leadership has become feeble by the wrong kind of confession by the so called leaders: "I cannot do beyond this. I am not able!" and so on. And that shows the lack of hope and faith in God! As a Christian leader we need to have these qualities **HOPE and FAITH** in God!

What is faith? "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (**Hebrews 11:1**). Further Bible says, "20. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 26. For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:20). **FAITH HAS A ACTION:** "...but faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6). **CHRISTIAN LEADERS MUST BE PEOPLE OF GENUINE FAITH.**

2. INTEGRITY: God is very much looking for people who do have moral and ethical soundness to be His leaders to lead His people! Sad to say that today's Christian leaders are failed in the area of morality and ethics. The reason is they do not have that right relationship with God and hence cannot have sound relationship with others. Moses was a man of integrity. Look what Bible says about him: "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25). **GOD LOOKS FOR A LEADER WITH INTEGRITY!**

3. OBEDIENCE: Christian leader under the submissive leadership God must have vision and must take right decisions. Actually Moses was sent by God to Pharaoh to negotiate with him to release the people of Israel from Egypt. He was busy with Pharaoh to negotiate with him and at the same time he was pronouncing plagues on them. But the great thing of Moses was that in his busy schedule he did not forget to obey the Lord regarding the **PASSOVER**. Moses commanded to observe the Passover even in the strange land. Because it was right thing to do since it was a command from God. The Passover was the picture of covering sin and redemption provided by the shed Blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary! People who are called for the Christian leadership must be obedient to the Lord first and lead God's people in obedience to Christ! Our obedience to Christ shows our degree of love for Him and for others!

Let us be a submissive leaders ready to be being spent and be obedient to the Word of God and ready to confess that "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

May our good Lord continue to bless you richly! Prema and I love you dearly and pray for you. Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalm 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

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