

JOSHUA'S SECRETS OF LEADERSHIP

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A Christian leader never compromises God's truth. Be zealous for the purity of the faith. There is always a price to pay when we surrender our convictions.

Never judge other people's motives or prejudge a case on the grounds of circumstantial evidence. Gather all the facts. Avoid forming hasty judgments on the basis of an emotionally charged account of a situation.

Discuss controversies frankly, openly, and humbly in order to clear the air and reach reconciliation. Such confrontations must be conducted in a spirit of meekness, not spiritual superiority.

If wrongly accused, respond calmly and gently, praying for God's help to respond in a way that is both honoring to Him and empowered by Him. Here, the wise counsel of Proverbs 15:1 is indispensable: "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."

A true Christian leader looks not only to the present, but to the future. He builds not only for his own lifetime, but for eternity.

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