

## 5-What Happened to Character in Leadership

Myles Munroe asked the question, “Why are today’s leaders so deficient in character?”

A relevant question seeing the world is in such a mess due to poor leadership, as well as leaders deliberately dragging Western civilization in the left's various belief systems.

He gives his answer for the problem:

*“A major reason is that, across the globe, much of leadership training—both formal and informal—fails to emphasize or even include the concept of character as an essential element of leadership. In addition, many governmental and corporate...[O]ther elements of leadership have been given priority—titles, position, power, intelligence, skills, gifts, talents, educational qualifications, knowledge, competence, and charisma or other personality traits.”*<sup>1</sup>

Although not stating the root cause as Post-modernism, Myles notes that because of the above criteria for leadership selection we have produced the following:

- Characterless charismatic leaders
- Conviction-less gifted leaders
- Unprincipled powerful leaders
- Immoral intellectual leaders
- Values-deficient visionary leaders
- Unconscionable spiritual leaders

It is time that we raised leaders with 'good' character and focus on character as a selection criteria for leaders.

**IMPORTANT:** Leaders are raised, so it's vitally important for them to be mentored. Not only with their leadership abilities, but character, which is vitally important. Parents raise their children to adulthood and in the process inculcate values and beliefs, as well as character. We must do this with our trainee leaders – it's not hard to do.

**IMPERATIVE:** Fathers, make sure you mold the character of your children as they grow up so that they are righteous in the way they think and operate. Don't be derelict in this vital duty. God is wanting you to produce “godly offspring”<sup>2</sup>.

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1 – Myles Munroe (2014) “The Power of Character in Leadership: How Values, Morals, Ethics, and Principles Affect Leaders” Whitaker House p:17,18

2 – Malachi 2:15