

11-The Priority of Character

Miles regards a number of facets of leadership as indispensable:

- (1) purpose & vision
- (2) potential & ability
- (3) values, ethics & principles

Values, ethics, and principles are the most critical because they protect the purpose of a leader from being sidelined or destroyed. I have experienced both these devastations. It took me 25 years to be restored back to leadership after I was sidelined by a Jezebel.

What are these 3 important components?

*“**Purpose and vision** show a leader what direction he is meant to go in life. All leaders live by a sense of meaning. They believe they are here on earth to do something important for humanity. The knowledge of their purpose is a catalyst, giving them internal motivation.*

***Potential** is a leader’s innate gifts and qualities, while ability includes all the skills, expertise, education, knowledge, wisdom, and insights a leader has developed and acquired, as well as all the other resources at his disposal that will enable him to accomplish his purpose. Leaders must believe in their own capacity to fulfill the vision that resides in their mind and heart.*

***Values, ethics, and principles** relate to a leader’s character. They are the standards that a leader establishes for himself—and lives according to—in the process of exercising his potential and ability for the accomplishment of his vision. Consequently, the leader has a sense of responsibility toward himself and others.”¹*

These three components of leadership can be summarized as purpose, potential, and principles – the 3-P's.

Many leaders don't see principles as being very important, as I do in the state education system. However, these 3 need to be in balance for leadership to work properly, producing success. Specifically, a lack of principles can nullify purpose and potential.

Here's Mile's summary. Leaders need: *“(1) a guiding purpose that generates a passion to accomplish a vision; (2) a recognition of their innate gifts and a commitment to develop them, as well as to gather available resources; and (3) the formulation of values, ethics, and principles that order their conduct and guide the process by which they exercise their leadership.”²*

For the Apostolic and the Kingdom, purpose/vision needs to come from the King himself. Otherwise it is a human endeavour ('of the flesh') with no guarantees of Heaven's resourcing and blessing. This is the vital importance of revelation and prophecy.

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