

“GOD’S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP” Part 3
“THE WAY OF THE LORD”

I. GOD’S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP

A team of mutually-submitted images of God trusting God, learning from Him, in company with Him, tending the entirety of Creation enjoying the beauty and harmony of divine, human, animal and botanical interactive, interdependent, interconnected unity. Focus: the goodness and c of God

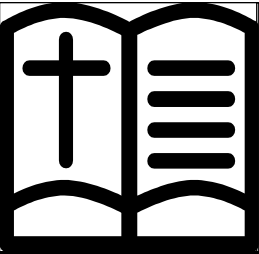
Leadership is a team “sport” in which every one on the team “plays”! Everyone is being trained as a leader and that includes you. The church and the kingdom of God are not patriarchal nor matriarchal nor even hierarchal. It is not about personal power

There are at least five things involved in leadership training: Purpose, person, power, productivity, principles and they all came from the very beginning when we were learning to lead, learning how to gain wisdom to lead. They were altered after the fall. They were altered by a different way of knowing.

II. TWO WAYS OF KNOWING AND HOW WE GOT THEM

A. *A closer look at Adam and Eve - first way of knowing*

- 1. They are complete, equipped but not mature or experienced. That maturity will be the joy of God*
- 2. They are made for each other uniquely*
 - a. He is created in the wilderness and brought to the garden*
 - b. She is created from his side in the garden and together they will go to the wilderness to create gardens*
 - c. She is his ezer: rescuer, aide, helper, relief*



- 3. They will learn leadership (provision, protection, productivity) from observation, direct communication with God, and the work of God; they will learn the ways of God, the first way of knowing
- 4. They are naked (vulnerable) without shame or fear
- 5. They are unafraid of God and are marked with humility (they know who they are not), grace and trust: humility is the key to growth and godliness
- 6. They are unlimited as to creativity; process-driven
- 7. This is what God calls “very good”. This is leadership as He intended it

B. The false way of knowing wisdom - the connection to revelation disconnects

- 1. Judging for yourself with you as the standard: appreciate, evaluate & justify, desire, take
- 2. Reaction to separation: experience guilt, run away, hide, cover up your vulnerability (from God and from one another), distrust of one another and of God, fear, shift the blame to the team and to God; incomplete knowledge, either/or
- 3. Result of separation: fear, distrust, competition, self-protection; self-seeking, results driven ; individual focused, non-reciprocal, prejudice, pride, conflict

Purpose:	God’s glory	My benefit; profit
Person:	Christ	Me or my hero
Power:	Holy Spirit	Might, charisma, purchase, supernatural
Productive:	Fill, subdue, rule with compassion	Own, use, self-anoint, steal, enslave
Principles:	God’s word, nature, Prayer, fellowship	Pragmatism, noble traits