

# Effective Elders

*Creating the Future Together*



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Four essentials of success are  
a team, a dream, a plan, and prayer.

— Aubrey Johnson

# Be Temperate

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. – 1 Peter 4.7

## Effective Leaders Are...

1. Servant-hearted (Mark 10.45)
2. Self-controlled (Acts 24.25)
3. Trustworthy (Acts 20.28)
4. Humble (Philippians 2.5-8)

Leadership consists not in degrees of technique but in traits of character.

— Lewis H. Lapham

# Be a Team Player

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. – Proverbs 27.17

1. The Anatomy of Leadership (1 Corinthians 12.12-31)
2. The Plurality Pattern (Acts 14.23)
3. Benefits of Teamwork (2 Corinthians 13.14)
4. Paul's Teamwork Checklist (1 Timothy 3.1-7)
5. Paul's Portrait of an Ideal Leader (Galatians 5.22-23)
6. Success Requires Teamwork (1 Corinthians 3.9)

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it.

— H.E. Luccock

# Be Tenderhearted

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. – Ephesians 4.32

1. Dangers of Lording (Matthew 23.11)
2. Definitions of Lording (James 3.13-18)
3. Exercising Healthy Influence (Galatians 6.1-2)
4. Signs of Ethical Leadership (Matthew 7.12)
5. Clues of Unethical Leadership (Proverbs 18.13)
6. Types of Leaders (Mark 4.20)

When death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity. —George Eliot

# Be Transparent

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God. – John 3.20-21

1. Beware the One Talent Leader (Matthew 25.14-30)
2. Fear and Suspicion (Luke 6.37)
3. Fear and Decision Making (1 John 4.18)
4. The Blessings of Trust (Acts 6)
5. The Benefits of Healthy Culture (Acts 2.46)

I find that when you open the door toward openness and transparency  
a lot of people will follow you through. —Kirsten Gillibrand

# Be Transformative

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.  
(2 Corinthians 3.18)

1. Create a Growth Atmosphere
2. Develop a Dream Culture
3. Instill a Paths Mindset
4. The Growth Path
5. The Dream Path
6. The Leader Path

Don't fear failure. Fear being in the exact same place next year  
as you are today. —Michael Hyatt

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