

FOUR FACES OF THE LEADER

Four faces of a leader come from some scriptures and are also seen in the four gospel books. The face of a **man**, the face of a **lion**, the face of an **ox** and the face of an **eagle**. Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:6-7. Jesus demonstrated each one of these faces while he walked this earth and is our example of how to be balanced as a leader.

THE LION King of the beasts who represents boldness, authority, reigning.

The gospel of Matthew reveals the royal lineage of Jesus. Throughout his ministry, Jesus exhibits his authority over creation, circumstances, disease, demons etc. Leaders need to be bold and courageous against anything contrary to God's kingdom. They cannot be passive but must be assertive and decisive. Here are some questions.

- How good are you at speaking the truth in love?
- How much authority do your words carry with people?
- Are you bold in resisting the devil and his works?
- Are you willing to deal with situations that need correction or discipline?

THE OX In poorer countries, the ox is known as a beast of burden which works hard in service to its master. Jesus worked tirelessly doing the Father's kingdom work during his public ministry. The Gospel of Mark shows Jesus as a man of action and obedience as a **servant**, much like an ox. Here are some bullet points.

- Do you work hard as unto the Lord or are you lazy?
- Do you use your time and opportunities wisely?
- Do you persevere when the going gets difficult?
- Do you enjoy your work as you use the gifts that God has given you?

THE MAN The Gospel of Luke was written by a doctor and thus seems to give more detail about the **humanity** of Jesus as the **Son of man**. Although Jesus was God, he also lived as a man with all the challenges which that entails. He developed close human relationships, took care of himself physically (lots of walking), and lived a disciplined life which included fasting and getting exercise and rest as needed.

- How good are your relationships with family, friends and fellow Christians?
- Are you aware of your weak points and strengths?
- Do you seek the approval of people more than that of God?
- Do you live a life of balance physically, mentally, spiritually and socially?

THE EAGLE The Gospel of John speaks most about Jesus as the **Son of God**. Eagles spend time in the upper atmosphere where they soar, see far, expand their vision and glide with effortless ease. The key to Jesus's leadership was his eagle time in God's presence. It is where he received rest, refreshment, renewal and revelation. At times he spent the night in prayer and God showed him things that would happen in his daily encounters.

Those that spend much time with God make great impact on man. Jesus did!

- Do you have regular eagle time with God and His Word?
- Do you have times to go on personal retreat away from the cares of the world?
- Are you growing in intimacy with God?
- Are you burdened by the issues of life and fail to place them into God's hand?
- Are you overly weary and tired? Do you have fresh vision from God? May God open our hearts and minds as we become better at each of these four faces of the leader.

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