



The Center for Women, Faith & Leadership

A Nigerian Catholic Sister's Leadership Inspiration

Leadership Value	Scripture Reference	Extra Scriptural Reference	Faith inspired individuals
Integrity/honesty	St. Titus admonition to the brethren: Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us. Titus 2:7-8	~ John MacArthur “According to Scripture, virtually everything that truly qualifies a person for leadership is directly related to character. It’s not about style, status, personal charisma, clout, or worldly measurements of success. Integrity is the main issue that makes the difference between a good leader and a bad one.”	John Cardinal Onaiyekan
Peace & Forgiveness	St Paul’s admonition and prayer for the faithful: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7	“The Master Jesus Christ counseled, ‘Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them who despitefully use you and persecute you’ Matt. 5:44 Forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness but because you deserve peace Jonathan Lockwood Huie	Mahatma Ghandi Bishop Desmond Tutu John Cardinal Onaiyekan
Responsibility	St James advice to the faithful: What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but	Jesus Christ story of the Good Samaritan; Luke 10:25-37.	Martin Luther King Jr, Mahatma Ghandi Nelson Mandela

	does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” James 2:14-26	Jean-Paul Sartre “Man is condemned to be free; because once thrown into the world, he is responsible for everything he does. It is up to you to give [life] a meaning.”	
Ability to carry others along/Group or Team work	St Paul’s preaching to the faithful “Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” In fact, some parts of the body that seems weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. 1st Corinthians 12:20-25	St Paul advice to the brethren :If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose... Philippians 2-11 John Heywood Many hands make light work.	Mother Paul Offiah Alhaji Muhammad Saad Abubakar III, John Cardinal Onaiyekan
Humility	Jesus demonstrated greatest humility, love and service by washing the feet of his disciples during the last supper, John 13:1-17	"Humility leads to strength and not to weakness. It is the highest form of self-respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them." By John J. McCloy	Pope John Paul II John Cardinal Onaiyekan Mother Theresa
Ability to delegate	Jethro, the priest of Midian and Moses' father-in-law advised Moses on the need to delegate power. Exodus 18:1-27	“You can delegate authority not responsibility” Stephen W. Comiskey Jesus called his twelve disciples and send them out in twos Matt 10:1-40 and The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. Luke 10:1-18	Ronald Reagan The structure/hierarchy of the Catholic Church
Good communication and	What we say and how we	We all want to, and are taught	John Cardinal Onaiyekan

Listening	listen to others is important to God. He warns us that "death and life are in the power of the tongue" and that we must give account of "every idle word" we speak (Proverbs 18:21; Matthew 12:36). James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath...	to, express ourselves. But when our desire for self-expression keeps us from trying to really understand the other person; we are being foolish and selfish. This is the opposite of the attitude the apostle Paul encouraged: Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. (Philippians 2:3-4). Colossians 4:6	Mother Paul Offiah
Take Initiative	But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18	"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope." Barrack Obama	Bishop Desmond Tutu Barrack Obama
Courageous	Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:19	"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear." Ambrose Redmoon	Dr Dora Akunyili Malala Angelina Jolie
Perseverance	And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9	I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do- Helen Keller	Nelson Mandela
Ability to know my Strengths and Weaknesses	But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will	Be confident, too many days are wasted comparing ourselves to others and wishing to be something we	Pope Benedict XVI- Emeritus

	boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10	aren't. Everybody has their own strengths and weaknesses, and it is only when you accept everything that you are, and aren't, that you will truly succeed!" Andrew Guzaldo	
Give and take feedback	“Hear counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction that you may be wise in the time to come.” “For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the.... Proverbs 3:12; Proverbs 19:20; Proverbs 12:15; Proverbs 15: 31-33; Ecclesiastes 4:13	“To keep on receiving, you must keep giving.” Lailah Gifty Akita “To be old and wise, you must first have to be young and stupid”.	John Cardinal Onaiyekan
Common good	In my father’s house there many rooms, if it were not so, would I have told you that lam going to prepare a place for you? John 14:2	“I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples” Mother Theresa. “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter” Martin Luther King Jr.	John F Kennedy Martin Luther King Jr. Mother Theresa
Love & Justice	Do to others as you would have them do to you Luke 6:13	“If you have love in your heart, you will see good in everything around you”. Sr. Agatha Chikelue	Mother Theresa John Cardinal Onaiyekan