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MINI-MESSAGES

THAT THING CALLED LEADERSHIP!

Leadership is a tricky thing. It doesn't happen because one has the most impressive title — President, Executive Director, CEO, Mom, Elder, or Senior Pastor. The most impressive office does not a leader make — corner with glass, monster desk, art on display. Leadership is subtler. And it is essential to success.

A real leader creates a culture of leadership. It's not cute shirts or chants. It's a subtle, intangible "feel" that operates at a level below the surface. Yet everybody entering that culture senses it and is energized by it.

Leadership doesn't bully and try to make others yield. It lifts heads and builds confidence so people can perform well. It creates a healthy culture where every person feels valued and wants to contribute to the success of the whole. Good leaders don't build cult followers. They build confident people.

LEARNING TREE

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY

During the first six decades of the first century CE, Judaism was composed of about two dozen competing factions: Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, Zealots, followers of John the Baptist, followers of Jesus of Nazareth and followers of other charismatic leaders. All followed common Jewish practices, such as observing dietary restrictions, worshiping at the Jerusalem temple, sacrificing animals and observing the weekly Sabbath.

The triumph of Christianity is actually a very remarkable historical phenomenon. We begin with a small group from the backwaters of the Roman Empire and after two, three centuries go by, lo and behold that same group and its descendants have somehow taken over the Roman Empire and have become the only tolerated religion, of the Roman Empire by the end of the 4th century. That is a truly remarkable development.

BIBLE WORKSHOP

NEW ADDITION

BIBLE GATEWAY - VERSE OF THE DAY