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Lead It Like Ya' Mean It!

Understanding and accepting the authority of a worship leader

Definition of a Worship Leader:

A faithful worship leader

Magnifies the greatness of God in Jesus Christ

Through the power of the Holy Spirit

By skillfully combining God's word with music,

Thereby motivating the gathered church

To proclaim the gospel,

To cherish God's presence,

And to live for God's glory.

From "Worship Matters" By Bob Kauflin

Reading through the Psalms we find that these are some of things that authentic worship can do:

Develop a yearning for God, and a passion for God's presence. Bring increased faith, increased love for God, a love for god's word, comfort, adoration, exaltation, celebration, thanksgiving, praise, unity and repentance.

Since worship is so important, we must recognize the importance of our calling. When we see how much time we've been given to lead people in worship, we must always ask this question:

In the time that I've been given, how can I lead people so deeply, so richly, and so authentically into the presence of Jesus?

1. **LET THE _____ LEAD-** Rom 8:14, Gal 5:18.
We are the orchestra, He is the conductor.
2. **LEAD BY _____** - I John 2:6, I Cor 11:1, 2 Thess 3:9.
Be a PERMISSION GIVER. Your congregation will not go to where their leader IS not willing to go. You have to MODEL WORSHIP.
3. **LEAD TO THE _____** - Psalm 132:7, I Peter 2:9
Keep people FOCUSED ON JESUS. Eliminate distractions.
4. **LEAD WITH _____** - Mark 11:23, Matthew 28:18-20
You're not just the singer, the musician, the music director, etc. You are the LEADER!
5. **LEAD WITH _____** - Isaiah 66:2, John 4:23-24, Matt 15:7-9. God can spot a fake from a mile away!
6. **LEAD WITH _____** - John 2:17, Eph 5:14. If this is not something you're passionate about then there is a VERY good chance that your congregation won't be passionate about it, either.
7. **LEAD WITH _____** - Phil 2:3, Matt 23:12, Proverbs 16:19 Lead with a humble posture, not from a high place.
8. **LEAD WITH YOUR _____** - Romans 12:3-8.
Make it work with what you've got!