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ABSTRACT

The Church is an extension of God's kingdom on earth. God always desire to lead His church through His chosen leader. He does this by the empowerment and control of the Holy Spirit in the lives of some persons who are being selected as church leaders. This essay titled "Titus' Style of Leadership and Its implications for contemporary Church leadership" unveiled some leadership qualities in the life of Titus to challenge the present day or contemporary church leaders. Titus is seen in the Bible as a man of integrity, self controlled, trusted, dependable, disciplined, committed, and visionary. All of these outstanding qualities in him made him a distinguished leader. He joined Paul as a co-worker in training and discipleship in the church. His life is a model for contemporary church leadership. The research sources are from Christian authors that have dealt with leadership as a subject. Bible dictionaries, Commentaries, articles from journal, magazines, and newspapers were consulted. The researcher analyzed and synthesized the good qualities of Titus in the Bible. However, servant-leadership style was finally identified with Titus. It was also identified as the ideal leadership style that was used by Jesus Christ which is exemplified by Titus. It was therefore recommended for the contemporary church leadership in order to foster unity, strengthen peace and harmony within the body of Christ and hope of eternal life. In the researcher's recommendations amongst others, he added that, leader that wants to learn more on leadership style are to study other biblical leaders. This to a larger extent will expose leaders to various leadership styles that will make them effective church leaders that can produce good result.

Recommendations

The contents of this long easy reveal that leadership is paramount to the growth of the church. Leaders are to be versatile in series of styles found in the biblical leaders. In order to make this a reality, the writer recommends the following.

1. Further research should be conducted on the subject in order to get more details on Titus leadership styles. This will widen the horizon of church leaders for an extensive leadership styles to work with.
2. The outcome of this research should not be limited to our denomination. Efforts should be made to make it available to all other Christian leaders in other denominations.
3. Other biblical leaders could be studied in order for the church leaders to experience diversification of leadership styles.

4. The full text of the book of Titus as written in the Bible should be studied properly to get the first hand information before reading this research work to afford for good understanding.
5. Church leaders should take seminars more seriously especially the ones on leadership to expose themselves to leadership styles all over.
6. The curriculum of the seminary should accommodate studies on some biblical leaders at all levels of academic programmes because leadership skills are of importance of all church leaders.
7. Both leaders and the led should constantly renew and rededicate themselves to God to the leadership services to God and humankind.