

# Leading With Integrity

What In The World Is Happening?

**Our message:** we must not confuse our message with the World's

**Our ethics:** the world's ethical system is dynamic – adapting to changing social attitudes, ours is constant and rooted in God's Word

**Our families:** We must engage with our kids in conversations around issues such as sexuality, far earlier than previous generations of Christian parents have. If we don't, the World will!

John 17:16-18

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>1</sup> All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that God's name and our teaching may not be slandered. <sup>2</sup> Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are believers, and dear to them. These are the things you are to teach and urge on them.

A dark, textured painting of three faces. The face on the left is smiling, the middle face is screaming with its mouth wide open, and the face on the right is frowning. The text "we have a leadership crisis" is overlaid in white, italicized font across the center of the faces.

*we have a leadership crisis*

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <sup>4</sup> he is conceited (self-important) and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions <sup>5</sup> and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.



ambition becomes the driver

evasion or avoidance of consequences

a disconnect between what they say and do

redefinition or qualification of previous "truths"



*six traits of a  
safe leader*

People who live and lead with integrity are safe people

**TRUTH**

Leaders who love the truth may take longer to build the house, but the house won't fall down when the storms come



John 8:31-32

<sup>31</sup> ..."If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**CONTENTMENT**

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

When people's lives are in order, they tend to have a contentment about life that is reassuring to those around them.

Philippians 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

# FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>9</sup> People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

The love of money flows out of a lack of contentment in what we have and lust for what we don't have



# THE PURSUIT OF GOD

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

The life of a leader should be spent on pursuing God

Hebrews 4:16

<sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need

**AUTHORITY**

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Authority is earned and is given by others, it is never taken or assumed



**CONCERN FOR PEOPLE**

## 1 Timothy 6:1-21

<sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

The highest priority for leaders is to always have the best interests of others at heart

