

## Good to Great to Anointed: 10 Leadership Traits to Pursue

Have you ever been a part of a good church? How about a great one? Still even better, have you been on a run when you experienced a unique anointing from God? I know when you begin to differentiate between good, great, and anointed you can get on sketchy ground when it comes to churches. Nevertheless, I have definitely experienced some **leadership intangibles** that are rather consistent, and I would like to pass them on to you.

Here is how I would describe good, great, and anointed for the sake of this blog:

- A **good** church is steady and consistent.
- A **great** church is in the midst of an exponential return.
- An **anointed** church is experiencing something supernatural that can only be explained by the divine interruption of God.

While I have no science to offer, I have intuitively noticed some **leadership habits** in churches that are enjoying a good ministry as a base, are on a great journey, and in a period of anointing. While I don't think you can formulate a unique movement of God, I would like to encourage you with a few leadership patterns I have found repeatedly. I hope they spur you to chase the person of Christ and not the form of an above average institution.

1. A deep commitment on the staff to **personal holiness** and the priority of family.
2. A strong conviction and reliance on the **authority of Scripture** over life.
3. A **personal calling** to that specific location.
4. A daily reliance on God in **prayer** and a keen sense of listening to his leadings. (regular fasting is common)
5. A humility and flexibility to **do whatever it takes** even if that means dramatic change.
6. A **willingness to fail**.
7. A demonstrated passion for **personal evangelism** and life change.
8. A leaning towards **bold faith decisions**.
9. A powerfully clear and **unique vision**.
10. A **surrender** to pursue only the glory of God not the acclaim of others.

I want this to encourage you as a leader to follow God with all your heart. Exponential results may not be seen in dramatic numeric growth. We are called to be faithful to the one who called us. Surrender anew today to your God, staff, people, and city. I would be remiss if I didn't tell you that these churches also exhibit average preaching, common music, dated ministries, and disorganized leadership. The special sauce isn't always what you think.

"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him." 1 John 22:27

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