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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

Psalm 91:1-4

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 226 – *“The Lord Is King!”*

RHC 101 – *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 125

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 125

(to the tune of Azmon, RHC 61)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 284 – *“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”*

Scriptural Text

Colossians 4:18

John 17:17

Pastoral Prayer

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Sermon Message

Securing a Faithful Ministry

Your Word is Truth

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 445 – *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

RHC 257 – *“Holy Bible, Book Divine”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Dr Carl Martin

Dr Carl Martin

Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* Congregation Stands

THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,

The Lord is in His holy temple:

Let all the earth keep silence,

Let all the earth keep silence before Him -
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.

THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord lift His countenance upon you,

and give you peace, and give you peace;

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto you, be gracious,

The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

Church Theme 2015 – “Build a God-Honouring Family” – Joshua 24:15b

THE COMPONENTS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

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"He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands." Psalm 78:70-72

Introduction

The Bible is the leadership manual with many leadership models throughout the scripture. The Church is the best divinely designed institution on the earth to create, train and to develop leadership to guide His people. God has designed and commanded His church to make disciples. Thus, the main function and focus must be making disciples for future godly and committed leadership. Yet, one of the most important crises today is a lack of committed and godly leadership. My heart cries because the next generation will face a great tragedy in the scarcity of godly and faithful leadership. As **John Maxwell** says **"Everything rises and falls on leadership"** – this is very true in a church setup. If the present leadership fails to recognise or foresee the danger and next generation leaders are not divinely called and led by the Spirit of God, the future of the church will be very bleak and disastrous. Hence, we need to feel the urgency in grooming right leadership.

David was the greatest king of united Israel, and he set the standard for a godly leadership in the Old Testament. I invite your attention to Psalm 78:70-72, and let us learn how God led David as a leader for His people. Here he sets three important qualifications or components of Christian Leadership:

1. Call (vs 70): "He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:"

One of the most important components in Christian Leadership is the Call to God's service. God chose David and appointed him as the shepherd of God's people. This clearly shows that God calls people to the leadership service. It is not human achievement but God's endowment and endorsement. He chose him that he might set him over his people as their king. The idea is that David was selected when he had no natural qualifications to the office, as he did not come from a royal family, and could have no claim to such a distinction. He was taken from the humble occupation of a young country shepherd boy to lead his people. (1Sa 16:11-13; 2Sa 7:8).

According to Paul, a call from God into the ministry is a high and heavenly calling (Phil. 3:14) which, unfortunately, is taken lightly by some ministers today. Paul never lost sight of his calling. He was actively engaged in his ministry until the day his head was taken. For many believers one of the most difficult and elusive things they ever encounter is determining the will of God for their life. Others seem to know the path God would have them travel, but hesitate to follow it. The Lord still calls men to the vocations such as pastoring, evangelism, and teaching. He calls and provides these men to the Church for the "perfecting of the saints" (Eph. 4:11-12).

2. Character (vs 72a): “So he fed them *according to the integrity of his heart;*”

The second important component in Christian Leadership is Character. In verse 72a “**David led his people with integrity of heart**”, That is, he was upright and pure in the administration of his government. In the process of selection of a leader to deliver Israelites from slavery, God was looking for “strength of character and compassion”. David was a man of higher character in comparison to his predecessor Saul. David was very godly thus he was called a man after “God’s own heart” (1Sam 13:14): he was gracious (2 Sam 9:7-8), grateful (2 Sam 6:21-22) and generous (2 Sam 24:18). It is very difficult to find a man or woman of character, for only Jesus can transform the heart. He has the power to re-make us into people who are filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The church because of Jesus, develop leaders whose character has been transformed over the years. Therefore, we need to pray for the leaders to model Christ in their personal life and set an example to all.

3. Competence (vs 72b): “and guided them by the *skilfulness of his hands*”.

The third important component of Christian Leadership is Competence. David *guided them by the skilfulness of his hands*”. Competence includes a willingness and ability to accept responsibility as well as having knowledge of one’s limitations. The world tends to worship competence rather than character. “Competence can take you far, but it won’t take you where God has planned for you to go” Natural talents and gifts are good but should operate in submission to God’s will in fulfilling the Kingdom Agenda of the Lord Jesus Christ. God is seeking ordinary people to CARRY out an extraordinary task (1 Corinthians 1:26-29). Thus, we should not value competence more than character; rather both must go hand in hand. Competence cannot simply be neglected when we consider Christian leadership. It can be developed over time with keen interest and practice. Thus we all can be used by God if we commit to His call

Conclusion:

Serving God and His people is an honour and privilege for us. All Christians, whether full time ministers or lay ministers, are called to build the Kingdom of God. The roles are different but the work is the same. Let us encourage and appreciate one another to enhance our potential to transform the world through the glorious gospel. Let us value everyone’s effort in the building of God’s kingdom. Finally, I encourage you to heed God’s calling in our life like King David, who became a champion of Character and competently served God and skillfully led His people. On the other hand, don’t run like Jonah, for God will find the hard way to bring you to fulfill His will in your life. Are you called to serve? Then trust and obey today. Is there any one ready to take up this challenge? Leadership means taking responsibility of leading in the areas where God has placed them. Let us commit to His will and try to do something in our life time for the furtherance of Kingdom of God.

May God bless you all abundantly.

Rev. S. V. Nathan

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Thurs 27th Aug	7pm	Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Sat 29th Aug	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting <i>Study on the Life of Joseph</i>	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 23/08/2015</u>
Message	Restoration – The Heart of Christianity	Why Must Christians be Sanctified?	Chairman: John
Text	Philemon	John 17:17	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Keene
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on “<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>”. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor & Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Hannah, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Magdalene. • Pray for expecting mothers: Helen. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Nana. • Pray for those on travels this week: Matthew, Yangfan, Michael, Daniel & Maureen, Josias. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the interim minister. • Ladies Fellowship after lunch next Lord's Day. 			Ushers: Tom / Yetta
			Sunday School: Keene / Rachael / Hannah
			Lunch: Hannah
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £922, Lunch: £31.50, 09/08/15 Offering: £413, Lunch £26 Attendance - Morning: 15 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 12 (A) 3 (C)			<u>NEXT WEEK: 30/08/2015</u>
			Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Tom / Daniel Sunday School: No Sunday School Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 83

Q: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A: *Some sins, in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are MORE HEINOUS in the sight of God than others.*

Comments:

This answer tells us that some sins are worse than others. It says that some sins are worse by reason of their own nature, as it is worse to sin against God than against man; and some are worse by reason of certain circumstances, as it is worse to sin deliberately than when hurried by passion.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 12:47-48

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Romans 5:12	“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” Romans 5:6	“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.” Romans 5:7