

# Christlike Principles of Leadership and Teaching



**“Effective teaching is the very essence of leadership in the church”**

**President Gordon B. Hinckley**

**“And the Spirit shall be given unto you by the prayer of faith; and if ye receive not the Spirit ye shall not teach.”**

**Doctrine and Covenants 42:14**

**“Ye are not sent forth to be taught, but to teach the children of men the things which I have put into your hands by the power of my Spirit. And ye are to be taught from on high. Sanctify yourselves and ye shall be endowed with power, that ye may give even as I have spoken.”**

**Doctrine and Covenants 43:15-16**

**Worldly leadership —————> Temporal acquisitions:**

**(Horizontal)**

**Motivates**

**Fame**

**Money**

**Power**

**Pleasure**

# Godly attributes:

Love

Humility

Integrity



Inspires

**Christlike leadership  
(Vertical)**

“He loveth the world, even that he layeth down his own life that he may *draw* all men unto him.”

2 Nephi 26:24

# First Principle: The Power of Principles over Rules



**“I teach the people *correct principles* and  
they govern themselves”**

**Joseph Smith**

**“And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the *principles* of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself”**

**Doctrine & Covenants 105:5**

**“Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in *principle*, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God.”**

**Doctrine and Covenants 88:77**

**“And again, the elders, priests and *teachers of the church shall teach the principles of my gospel*, which are in the Bible and the Book of Mormon.”**

**Doctrine and Covenants 42:12**

**Principles promote agency and  
growth**

**Principles are flexible and  
adaptable to a wide range of  
circumstances**

**Principles can engender feelings of  
trust**

**“Feast upon the words of Christ; for  
behold, the words of Christ will tell you all  
things what ye should do.”**

**2 Nephi 32:3**



**“It is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; where he receiveth no reward.**

**Verily I say, men should be anxiously engaged in a good cause, and do many things of their own free will, and bring to pass much righteousness; For the power is in them, wherein they are agents unto themselves. And inasmuch as men do good they shall in nowise lose their reward.”**

# Second Principle: The Power of Example

**“You cannot lift another soul until you are standing on higher ground than he is.”**

**President Harold B. Lee**

Third Principle: Vision Motivates

**“Where there is no vision the people perish.”**

**Proverbs 29:18**

**“With increased vision comes increased  
motivation”**

“Man will not fly for 50 years.”

*“Ever since, I have distrusted myself and  
avoided all predictions.”*

*Wilbur Wright to his brother, Orville,  
1901*



**“Television won’t be able to hold on to any market it captures after the first six months. People will get tired of staring at a plywood box every night.”**

*Darryl Zanuck, head of 20th  
Century-Fox, 1946*





# Fourth Principle: Lead with Love and Kindness

# Fifth Principle: Revelation Requires Homework

**“My dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to increase your spiritual capacity to receive revelation.”**

**President Russell M. Nelson**

**“Nephi and Lehi, and many of their brethren who knew concerning the true points of doctrine, *having many revelations daily.*”**

**Helaman 11:23**

# Sixth Principle: Teach the Doctrine

**“And I give unto you a commandment  
that you shall teach one another the  
doctrine of the kingdom.”**

D&C 88:77

**“The preaching of the word had a great tendency to lead the people to do that which was just—yea, it had had more powerful effect upon the minds of the people than the sword, or anything else.”**

**Alma 31:5**

**“We believe all the words which thou hast spoken unto us; and also, we know of their surety and truth, because of the Spirit of the Lord Omnipotent, which has wrought a mighty change in us, or in our hearts, that we have no more disposition to do evil, but to do good continually.”**

**Mosiah 5:2**



**Doctrine is not only a spiritual truth,  
but a spiritual force that inspires one to  
Christlike action.**

**“And that from a child thou hast known  
the holy scriptures, which are able to  
make thee wise unto salvation through  
faith which is in Christ Jesus”**

**2 Tim 3:15**

# Sample Lesson Plan

**Doctrinal Principles**

**Scriptures**

**Questions**

**Resources**  
(Analogies, Stories, visuals music, etc.)

**Testimony**

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Christ's Church was lost from the earth —apostasy

Gal 1:6-8  
Acts 20:29-30  
2 Tim 1:5  
2 Tim 4:3-4  
1 Ne 13:28-29

What, why, how vs. where or when.  
What happened to the apostles?  
(Acts 1:22-26)

The Bible ends  
Analogy of 12 lights or gardeners

**The prime purpose of a testimony is to  
bear witness of the doctrine**

“The inspired teacher, the one who teaches by the power of the Spirit, is expected to bear testimony that the doctrine he teaches is true. ... *This is the crowning seal placed on gospel teaching—the personal witness of the teacher that the doctrine he has taught is true!*”

Elder Bruce R. McConkie

Seventh Principle:  
Make the Most of Your Assets

Eighth Principle:

Have High, but Loving Expectations





Ninth Principle: Be Optimistic

**“In the world ye shall have tribulation:  
but be of good cheer; I have overcome the  
world”**

**John 16:33**

**“I just do the best I can and leave the worrying to the Lord.”**

**Elder LeGrand Richards**

