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***Leadership is the art of having influence upon people!***

*If you exert influence over people, then you are a leader, to some degree!*

*The greater your influence upon people, the greater degree of leadership you have over them.*

*Some cases of leadership are by imposed relationship, such as parents with children at home, bosses in the workplace, correctional officers over inmates.*

*Some cases of leadership are by permission, such as in a friendship, co-partnership in business, husbands & wives, or romantic courtship.*

*The best testimony of your leadership is by people giving you permission to influence them!*

*Those that follow you by their agreement with your influence speak the loudest on your leadership.*

*When you influence someone, you lead them!*

*Leadership is you making an impact upon people's lives.*

*When you influence someone, you're exerting a degree of leadership upon them!*

*Influence can be both intentional, & unintentional.*

*Often, when we desire to influence someone, we do so out of our persona, (which is the image we give people from the way we act, speak, & carry ourselves publicly).*

*Our unintentional influence upon others comes from our character, (which is who we are privately), if poor character is witnessed & exposed publicly.*

*Persona is portrayed, character is lived!*

*We can influence someone else for their betterment, or for their harm.*

*Influence can bear good fruit or bad fruit, or even both!*

*We influence people out of our mindset, opinions, perspective, & words.*

*Leadership is a type & degree of mentoring.*

*Mentoring is you investing yourself into someone else, as you help shape them by input, instruction, & interaction!*

*Three elements that greatly shape lives are experience, education, & influence!*

*Three ways that you influence people are in your actions, attitudes, & words!*

*Your attitude about something will impact how you act & speak about it, & this is true about your opinion of someone.*

*Influence can be an asset, or a liability.*

*Leadership can be a blessing to you, or a curse!*

*Leadership comes from the makeup of the leader.*

*Who you think you are contributes to how you are among people!*

*What you think shapes what you do in life!*

*As a leader, what you do influences those who receive from you.*

*Jesus Christ, the First-Begotten Son of God has been, is, & will be, the greatest leader that the world has ever known!*

*He not only deeply influenced people throughout His earthly ministry, He is still profoundly changing people's lives today, two thousand years after He left the Earth.*

*The people He mentored with the love, grace, & truth of the kingdom of Heaven, went forth & mentored their generation of people that came to believe in Him, & each generation has continued to receive, believe, & submit to His Lordship & follow His teachings!*

*Generations-to-come will be united to Him, through the Holy Spirit that He sent to continue His ministry through His disciples!*

*That is dynamic leadership & perpetual influence!*

*Jesus modeled discipleship through being connected to, united to, & submitted to, the design & desires of His Heavenly Father, which brought about the redemption & salvation of fallen mankind!*

*Thus, real leadership has the good of others in mind, & carries love & grace in the core of its heart!*

*The influence that produces the best fruit is the influence of serving others, preferring others, & lifting others up!*

*Let us thoughtfully & prayerfully keep an eye on our leadership, so that our influence in life can expand in a positive manner!*

