

**Schedule of Meeting Times:**

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM  
 Study Sunday 10:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM  
 Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM  
*Singing every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evening*  
 Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

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“But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.”

— Luke 22:26

**Servants during December/January:**

**Songleader:** Stanley (29), Larry (1/5), Dwight (12), Stanley (19), Larry (26)

**Reading:** Stanley; Mike M (Jan)

**Announcements:** Larry; Stanley (Jan)

**Table:** Mike M, Marty, Stanley; Larry, Marty, Mike M (Jan)

**Wednesday Lesson:** Stanley (1/1), Kris (8), Larry (15), Stanley (22), Kris (29)

**Area Meetings:**

**Eastside (Athens),** Sundays 3pm, various speakers

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# The Bible . Examiner

“Examine everything carefully...” 1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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## Good Leadership

*By Bill Hall*

What are the characteristics of good leadership? Good leadership has vision to see what needs to be done. Good leadership moves forward, is positive in its approach, stirs confidence in others, convinces them that the impossible task can be accomplished.

Good leadership has faith in people. Good leadership believes that others want to work and that they will respond when properly challenged; it places the best possible construction on the actions of others. Good leadership “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things,” because good leadership loves.

Good leadership does not run ahead of others. It does not do everything itself. In fact, it frequently steps aside, and waits—sometimes anxiously—while others are given a chance to perform the tasks which they are capable of performing. Good leadership is not nearly so concerned with getting **things** done as it is with developing **people** into useful, mature servants of the Lord. Good leadership is constantly producing leadership in others.


Good leadership has a real concern for others, and has the ability to communicate that concern. Good leadership is patient, understanding; it is

neither too quick to rebuke nor is it indulgent toward sin. Good leadership places itself in the other man's position to see things from his viewpoint.

Good leadership is humble; is willing to acknowledge mistakes; it can accept criticism, and separate the constructive from the destructive. Good leadership seeks the praise of God rather than the praise of men; it sacrifices popularity to do God's will. Good leadership has conviction, but is

not stubborn or headstrong. It listens to others and views their ideas objectively. Good leadership, treats all alike; is impartial. Good leadership is frank and candid, but is kind. Good leadership is self-confident, but not proud; it does not have to be self-promoting.

The church needs men and women who are leaders, but what a difference between those who **seek** to lead and those who **truly** lead.

—via *Two Men*, 1998 pp135,136 

# Caution—Corruption Ahead

*By Bill Hall*

Reports of sin and corruption among religious leaders are on the increase. We read of preachers who beg constantly for money, often receiving generous donations representing great sacrifice from the poor, while they themselves bask in luxury and huge financial surpluses. We hear of adultery and theft, lying and gambling. And in many cases the religious leaders are guilty. Then insult is added to injury when we read “Reverend” before their names. What a terrible day it will be when such men stand before the Lord in judgment!

While we are saddened by the misconduct itself, we are even more saddened by the fact that such misconduct causes many people to lose confidence in all religion. They turn their back on Christ, His word, and His church. They assume that everyone who claims to be a Christian is just like the corrupt religious leaders they have heard of. They assume there is no real value in Christianity. This constitutes a terrible loss to everyone concerned.

We make the following observations for your consideration:

***Not all religion and religious leaders are corrupt.*** There are godly, dedicated, conscientious servants of Jesus Christ in your community and throughout the world. They don't make the headlines. They go about their work quietly and without fanfare. But they are there and you need to be aware of their presence and example. Look for them. They may even be among your acquaintances.

***Wickedness on the part of leaders in religion does not prove that the religion itself is false.*** The misconduct of one of Jesus' apostles (Judas) was no proof that Jesus Himself was corrupt or that His religion was vain. In the same way, misconduct on the part of some of His professed followers today is no proof that His religion is corrupt and vain.

***If you allow the misconduct of some leader in religion to turn you away from the Lord and be lost eternally, you are a loser along with him.*** Your pointing the finger of blame at him will not make your

eternal suffering any easier to bear.

***Your faith must be in Jesus Christ, not in some man.*** Your loyalty must be to Christ. A man, even a good man, can let you down. But Jesus Christ will never let you down. He will never leave you nor forsake you as long as you maintain faithfulness and loyalty to Him.

***You can go to heaven whatever others choose to do.*** While faithful service to the Lord brings us into fellowship with others in His church, faithfulness itself is an individual matter. You will stand before the Lord in judgment alone. You can go to heaven even if all others of your generation forsake Christ. Think about it. The question you must ponder is not where some religious leader will spend eternity, but where **you** will spend eternity. May the Lord help us all to rise above the world and its influences to serve Him in sincerity and truth.

—via *Two Men*, pp151-153 

## Remember in Prayer

Larry's uncle passed away last week, as did **Everett Conn**. Everett's funeral will be Monday, 11am, Limestone chapel. **Pam** has the flu. Pray also for **Barbara**;

**Betty; Carolyn; Faye; Hazel; Joshua V; Kathy M; Mark Horton; Mike B and his family; and the Pollard Family.** 