I. Introduction.

A. Types of leadership gifts: ruling (Romans 12:8) and coordinating (1 Corinthians 12:28).

B. There are many types of ministries. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

C. God chooses a leader and people follow him.

D. It is good to desire leadership. (1 Timothy 3:1)

II. Dangers of leadership.

A. Pride. (1 Peter 5:5-6)
   1. A desire to dominate others. (Galatians 6:3)
   2. Desiring money. (1 Timothy 6:10)
   3. Wanting to be famous. (Jeremiah 45:5)
   5. The desire to win friends and influence people. (Proverbs 28:23; Leviticus 19:17; Ezekiel 3:20)

B. Discouragement with lack of results. (Isaiah 6:9-10; Titus 1:15)

C. Loneliness. (2 Timothy 4:16-18)

D. Overwork.

E. Exceeding the limits of authority. (Ecclesiastes 8:9; 2 Corinthians 1:24)

F. An unwillingness to pay the price. (Luke 12:48; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Samuel 30:1-6; Proverbs 12:24)

G. Using men instead of serving or training them. (1 Kings 12:1-6)

III. Basis of biblical leadership: service, stewardship and shepherding. (Matthew 20:26-27; Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 12:15; 13:7)

IV. Stewardship.

A. Good stewardship. (1 Corinthians 4:2).
B. Faithful stewardship. (Luke 16:10)

C. Wise stewardship. (Acts 6:10)

V. Shepherding.

A. Guiding. (Psalm 23)

B. Protection. (John 10:11-16)

C. Nurturing the flock. (John 21)

D. Caring for the flock. (Romans 15:1-2; Proverbs 27:3; Acts 20:17-38)

VI. Leading involves objectives, example, motivating and planning. (Nehemiah 2:18; Proverbs 11:14; 23:23; Nehemiah 2:18-19; 6:15)

VII. Developing leadership.

A. Leaders develop leaders.

B. Be selective in choosing leaders.

C. Find team members.

D. Find people willing to follow.

E. Look for character.

F. Visualize success for people.

G. Leaders are trained in battle.

H. People should learn how to serve and work hard.
Application questions:

1. What are some different forms of authority in the church?
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2. Which danger of leadership do you find yourself most prone to?
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3. How will you guard against the dangers of leadership? Explain.
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