

7 leadership behavioral values

1. Love – We receive God’s love, so we can love.



1 John 4:19 NLT

We love each other because He loved us first.

Love is the ultimate motivator for all of our behavior and comes from understanding and receiving God’s unconditional love for us.

Practical Filters:

- We care about who you are, not just what you do.
- We extend grace and share truth, even when it’s hard.
- We love those we lead as we love ourselves.
- We choose to receive forgiveness and forgive those who have hurt us.

2. Trust - We dare to be vulnerable



2 Corinthians 12:10 NLT

That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

This value is not founded on putting our trust in people, but in trusting God has placed those people in our lives.

Practical Filters:

- We provide a sense of safety in every interaction.
- We admit our weaknesses and mistakes and offer apologies without reservations.
- We ask for help and accept input without defensiveness.
- We believe others have pure intentions.



Where is your trust level? Are you daring to be vulnerable or keeping others and God at a distance?

3. Loyalty - We protect the vision of Next Level Church.



1 Corinthians 1:10 NLT

I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.

We are not at war with one another. We are at war with the enemy. Our unity is important to seeing our vision to lead people to become fully engaged followers of Jesus actualized.

Practical Filters:

- We don't speak or listen to gossip, but point others to Jesus and the person who hurt them.
- We walk in and are led by the Spirit, not by the flesh.
- We embody a spirit of unity even when we don't fully understand.
- We believe that the leadership of the church has our best interest in mind.

As our church grows, we may not know the why behind every decision, but we can trust the heart of the leaders who made the decision.

When those we lead or interact with become concerned or frustrated by a decision that has been made, be careful not to partake in gossip under the guise of "pastoring" or "caring" for them. Drive people toward conversations.



Will you be a protector of the vision by trusting your leaders and driving people toward conversation?

4. Teachability - We have a desire to learn and a willingness to change.



Psalms 27:11 NLT

Teach me how to live, O Lord. Lead me along the right path...

Practical Filters:

- We confront the roadblocks to teachability – pride, fear, insecurity, pain, and pace.
- We ask great questions, knowing that we can learn from anyone.
- We keep a heart of humility.
- We aggressively seek out learning opportunities.

We can be willing to learn but unwilling to change. We can be adaptable to change but refuse to learn anything in the process. Teachability – embodying both a desire to learn and a willingness to change – will set the pace for becoming everything God has for you to become in your leadership.

5. Sacrifice - We are servant leaders.

“ *Matthew 20:26 NLT*
“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant...”

Practical Filters:

- We have an attitude that says, “We don’t have to, we get to.”
- We view what we do as a calling and a privilege.
- We are joyfully ready to go above and beyond.
- We understand that obedience to God is ultimately better than sacrifice.

Our leadership should emulate Jesus, who embodied servant leadership as He prayed for and taught others and washed the feet of the disciples.

6. Resourcefulness - We see opportunities, not limitations.

“ *Ephesians 3:20 NIV*
Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,

Practical Filters:

- We don’t just identify problems; we come up with solutions.
- We use innovation and creativity in everything we do.
- We have a mindset that says, “We have all that we need to get the job done.”
- We see ourselves as stewards and live open-handed.

We will encounter obstacles as we lead, but when we recognize that all we have been given is from God, we can live with hands open and ready to receive whatever it is that we need to accomplish the work He has set before us.

7. Fun - We enjoy doing this

“ *Nehemiah 8:10 NIV*
... for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Practical Filters:

- We LOL a lot!
- We rest and hobby well!
- We take time to celebrate the victories, big and small.
- We have a joyful heart, even when facing trials.

We may encounter hardship, but we can still be filled with joy as we allow God to strengthen us for the journey toward making a Kingdom impact.

Healthy churches are made up of healthy individuals and our 7 Leadership Behavioral Values provide a target of health for us as leaders.

? *Where are you in need of growth?*

LET'S TALK

application questions

1. What 2 Leadership Behavioral Values do you need to grow in?
2. Why did you identify these values as areas of growth? How can you begin to grow in these areas?
3. What 2 Leadership Behavioral Values are you excelling at?
4. Why did you identify these as areas of strength? How can you begin to lead others in these areas?