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Most of us have at least a little of “leadership blood” in us. Leadership blood is the ability and desire to step forth and guide those around us. For the most part it is a good thing, but like any asset it can turn out to be a liability if not managed correctly.

For instance, God given leadership ability doesn’t include many of the things we assume it should. It gives us neither power nor glory, but often times we assume them. It doesn’t

grant us infallibility, even though we may have difficulty admitting our mistakes. It never gives freedom to act upon ones own desires, but encourages us to consider the good of the body. Perhaps most misunderstood is the concept that it makes us “The Leader,” when all we directed to do is lead by example, His example.

Leadership may be an ability, but it is a responsibility which carries tremendous

accountability, and anyone who assumes too much will ultimately suffer the consequences. Often such misguided efforts result in failure, bickering, and even the severing of spiritual ties. Jesus never intended for “us” to be in charge. The Bible is explicit when it comes to authority and ultimate leadership. Paul wrote

*For **by Him** all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, **whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.**
17And **He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** Col 1:16-18 NAS*

It was the blood of Jesus spilled on Calvary's cross, ultimately defining just

what leadership blood is all about. Leadership is a good thing, as long as we never fail to realize who’s really in charge, who deserves the honor and glory, who it is we’re serving, and who we will answer to. I’m glad to be a part of the body of Christ where so many people are willing to do the work of the Lord and lead by example. May we always continue to put Him first in all that we do, and never assume too much. Through Him all blessing flow. Think about it

In His Service,

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