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Core Leadership Principles

This one-page guide distills seventeen leadership principles from Proverbs into a daily, at-a-glance reference. Its purpose is to help you anchor every decision in the Fear of the Lord—the foundation of wisdom (Prov 1:7; 9:10)—so integrity, justice, humility, and faithful stewardship shape how you plan, speak, hire, measure, and serve. Each principle includes a brief “Why it matters” to ground conviction and a “Put it into practice” to turn belief into action.

How to Use This Guide

- Print and pin it where you’ll see it throughout the day.
- Begin key decisions with prayer: “Lord, what honors You here?”
- Choose one principle to focus on today; share it with your team.
- Act on the practice prompt; review results before day’s end.
- Revisit weekly: celebrate progress, correct drift, and seek wise counsel.

Use this as a living compass—simple, visible, and Scripture-anchored—so that your leadership consistently honors the Lord and refreshes the people entrusted to your care.

Core Leadership Principles – Print & Pin Guide

1. Fear of the Lord (foundation of wisdom) – Prov 1:7; 9:10

- **Why it matters:** Reverence for the Lord anchors moral judgment and decision-making.

Put it into practice: Begin major decisions with prayer and a Scripture reflection; ask, “What honors the Lord here?”

2. Integrity & Honesty – Prov 10:9; 11:3; 12:22

- **Why it matters:** Integrity guides; deceit eventually collapses trust.

Put it into practice: Tell the whole truth in reports; publish corrections

quickly.

3. Just Weights & Fair Dealing — Prov 11:1; 20:23

- **Why it matters:** God detests rigged metrics and hidden advantages.
Put it into practice: Use transparent KPIs, audits, and conflict-of-interest disclosures.

4. Humility & Teachability — Prov 11:2; 15:33; 22:4; 9:8–9; 12:1

- **Why it matters:** Humility invites wisdom and keeps pride from blinding you.
Put it into practice: Schedule regular “red-team” reviews; reward people who correct you.

5. Many Counselors — Prov 11:14; 15:22; 24:6

- **Why it matters:** Lone-ranger planning misses risks others can see.
Put it into practice: Build a diverse counsel circle; require pre-mortems on big plans.

6. Justice & Defending the Vulnerable — Prov 29:4; 31:8–9

- **Why it matters:** Just leadership stabilizes communities; silence enables harm.
Put it into practice: Write policies that protect the powerless; act when you see unfairness.

7. Self-Control & Patience — Prov 16:32; 14:29; 25:28

- **Why it matters:** Unchecked temper wrecks teams; patience preserves unity.
Put it into practice: Delay heated emails; use a 24-hour rule for non-urgent conflict.

8. Listening Before Answering — Prov 18:13; 19:20; 1:5

- **Why it matters:** Answering before hearing breeds errors and alienation.
Put it into practice: In meetings, summarize what you heard before you respond.

9. Wise, Measured Speech — Prov 15:1; 10:19; 25:11; 17:27–28

- **Why it matters:** Calm, fitting words disarm anger; many words multiply sin.
Put it into practice: Give hard feedback privately; keep public praise

frequent.

10. Diligence & Craft Excellence — Prov 12:24; 22:29

- **Why it matters:** Skill and steady effort open doors of influence.
Put it into practice: Block weekly “mastery time” for improving your core craft.

11. Planning with Dependence on the Lord — Prov 21:5; 16:3; 16:9; 19:21

- **Why it matters:** Careful plans prosper, yet the Lord directs outcomes.
Put it into practice: Plan → pray → execute → review; explicitly dedicate work to Him.

12. Generosity & Stakeholder Care — Prov 11:24–25; 19:17; 22:9

- **Why it matters:** Open-handed leaders refresh others and find renewal themselves.
Put it into practice: Budget for benevolence; support staff in crisis seasons.

13. Accountability & Stewardship — Prov 27:23–27

- **Why it matters:** Leaders must “know the state of their flocks.”
Put it into practice: Keep simple, visible scorecards on people, projects, and health.

14. Impartiality & Rejecting Bribes — Prov 24:23; 28:21; 17:23

- **Why it matters:** Partiality and payoffs corrode justice.
Put it into practice: Rotate interview panels; document decisions; refuse gifts that sway judgment.

15. Peace-Making over Strife — Prov 15:18; 17:14

- **Why it matters:** Starting quarrels is easy; resolving them protects the mission.
Put it into practice: Address tensions early; use mediators when needed.

16. Guarding Against Pride — Prov 16:18; 27:2

- **Why it matters:** Pride precedes collapse; self-promotion breeds resentment.

Put it into practice: Share credit widely; let others tell your wins.

17. Loyal Love & Faithfulness — Prov 20:28; 3:3–4

- **Why it matters:** Steadfast love and faithfulness sustain a leader's "throne."

Put it into practice: Keep promises; show up consistently in hard seasons.
