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Definition of a leader: <u>Leader</u>: To direct the course of by going before or along with; to guide or direct by influence to a course of action or thought.

1. A leader is a follower:

- a. John 12:26 Jesus said "If any man serve me, let him follow me"
- **b.** Eph. 5:1-2 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ hath also loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

2. First Things First:

a. Understanding our Identity:

Eph 2:10 "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

b. First start with Jesus as the center of your life

3. Three P.S.'s Necessary for Success and Growth as a leader:

- **a. Purpose:** What we're called to accomplish in life and contribute to the body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. John 17:4; Acts 20:24
- **b. Passion:** A sense of enthusiasm about your purpose. Luke 10:27 "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."
- c. Priority: Your priority should be to protect your purpose and your passion.

John 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of them that sent me, and to finish His work."