

**Navigating the tension: Simon Says  
3 John 1-8.**

**What are the marks of true Christian leadership in the local church faithful believers should support and imitate?**

**Faithful believers in the local church should support and imitate true Christian leaders that use their platform to serve and encourage others to...**

- I. Demonstrate a good testimony of integrity in faith and practice toward insiders and outsiders (truth and love): Integrity 3 John 1-4.**
  - a. God's metrics for church leadership: officers Elders and Deacons (cf. Titus 1:5-16, 1 Tim. 3:1-13).
  - b. God's metrics vs. worldly metrics 1 Peter 5:1-11, James 3:13-18.
  
- II. Use their influence and resources to grow God's kingdom instead of their own: Humble Hospitality 3 John 5-6.**
  - a. Our kingdom vs. God's kingdom.
  - b. Strategic kingdom partnerships.
  
- III. Sacrificially invest their time, talents and treasures in their local church initiatives: Generosity 3 John 7-8.**

**When the able are not willing to lead. The willing will.  
All it takes for the godless to triumph is for the godly to passively  
Ignore God's call. Answer God's call!**

1. Even the best Christian leaders will disappoint us at some point. Believers have been called to ultimately fix their eyes on Jesus. He is the author and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:1-2). However, we are also commanded to care for faithful leaders and imitate their good conduct in Christ (Heb. 13:7). Who is God using right now to model a good testimony in leadership that you can thank God for and encourage?
2. Is God calling you to step up and become a disciple-maker? Maybe you are one of the leaders that the Lord is calling to use your platform for others to stand? Will you answer his call today saying here I am Lord send me?
3. Are you generously invested in God's ministry through your local church? Thank you so much if you are! Please keep it up. If not, would you consider giving of your time, talents or treasures today?