

## **Three Important Tips for Church Leaders**

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It is not possible for churches to grow beyond their leadership level. “Water rises to its own level.” Do you ever wonder why most churches are not growing? Do you wish we would ask and discuss some serious questions about leadership in churches today? It is long overdue to ask and answer these questions.

Our experience has been that we are failing to provide leadership training for church leaders. The situation is so serious that when highly qualified leaders are chosen to lead church councils, their experience is sometimes so frustrating that they resign before their time is up or stick with it through their term, but then they say, “Never again!”

This must be corrected if congregations hope to live beyond the next decade! The future is on the shoulders of the current leaders.

Here are three tips:

1. Decide, with your colleagues, to have an audit of the effectiveness of the congregation’s leadership
2. Establish a few guidelines that would help everyone feel free to talk about this without being anxious
3. Agree to the intended outcome of growing in your mutual responsibility to each other and to God

There are many others we could mention, but these are three tips to get us started.

We can pray much more fervently and with stronger commitment. If you are ready to take a stand for leadership development, and are willing to enlist others with the same concern, you will make a major contribution to God's mission as it has been entrusted to the body of Christ. God has promised to bless this effort.