

## “Learning What’s Important to God”

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2. God always has someone to lead His people.

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3. God’s choice for a leader is often contrary to man’s choice.

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a) “Am I reachable?”

b) “Am I teachable?”

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a) “Am I responsible?”

b) “Am I trusting?”

3. **Integrity**

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b) “Am I real?”

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