

## Leadership Standards

### Description

Leviticus 16:1-10.

We know how beneficial regular practices can maintain our health. We are used to the dentist asking us to floss regularly, the doctor prescribing medication to help us heal, the teacher sending homework to help us learn. In the church, practices of reading the Bible, praying, going to church, and so on help our spiritual health and maturity.

Aaron was the priest in the community, a person who promoted the spiritual health of Israel. Each year, on the Day of Atonement, before he made any other sacrifices, he was to atone for his own sins.

Aaron could not give out what he had not received. Can you imagine if your doctor never had a checkup, your dentist never flossed, your English teacher had not read a book since high school? Would you listen to them?

Christian leadership should be held to the standards of the gospel. Faithful pastors and leaders walk in righteousness by tending to their relationship with God. Leaders are not exceptions to the command of faithfulness. We should be able to see the fruit of the Spirit in our leaders and we should be wary of leaders who call for devotion but are not engaged in the practices of discipleship.

Our spiritual health depends on God's grace at work in the whole community.

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