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## “E-Team E-Zine”

Encouragement and Equipping for  
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### “Seven Spheres of Support Every Leader Needs”

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“Leadership is...” You fill in the blank.

Some immediately think of a **definition**...as in, “Leadership is influence.”

Others think of a **description**...as in, “Leadership is tough...lonely...gratifying...etc.”

One thing I don’t hear often about in leadership thinking are the **dimensions of support** leaders need. In my own leadership journey, I’m discovering the many “spheres of support” leaders need... many times I’ve discovered them the hard way. As I coach and encourage leaders, I often find these support needs are not addressed intentionally in the lives of leaders and their families as well as they could be.

Look at these “seven spheres of leadership” below. Put names of people in each sphere of support...as in “who coaches me...who cares for me...who can I go to in times of crisis?” Do this for your own life...and for the lives of the leaders you are investing in.

#### *Seven Spheres of Support Every Leader Needs*

1. **Coaching for skills**—continuing coaching and training...to increase effectiveness.
2. **Caring for the heart**—mentors and friends...to strengthen the inner life.
3. **Commitment to the system**—supervisors and systems...for accountability and resources.
4. **Collegial support**—peers and area pastors ...your Kingdom teammates.
5. **Cherishing the family**—spouse and children...the heart and anchor for every leader.
6. **Covering spiritually**—intercessors and prayer partners...to guard and bless invisibly.

7. **Crisis assistance**—counselors and specialists...for times of special needs.

How well are you supported personally in these “seven spheres?”

How intentional are you in making sure the leaders you are investing in have support in all these spheres?

***Leaders who are supported in these spheres are leaders who can better lead healthy, productive lives and ministries!***

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