



# LEAD BY HEARING

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Bobby Bogard

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- If the leader is unable to **articulate** the objective, he will soon be subjugated to the leading of others. People are uncomfortable with ambiguity.

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### The...

- Effective Leaders can **paint the picture** of the future because they see it clearly.

*Robert Morris, offers this advice to leaders looking for directive*



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- Spiritual leaders have faith in what God said and lead from that vantage point.

## ➔ SPIRITUAL LEADERS ARE QUICK TO **OBEY**.

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- They may not comprehend everything, but they know understanding can wait. However, **obedience** cannot.
- Enterprises done God's way and in God's timing will succeed. The key is the obedience of the leader.

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