

## The Gospel Commandments of Leadership

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1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love and trust them anyway. (Luke 23:34)
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway. (Matthew 11:16, 19)
3. If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway. (Luke 19:36-38; John 19:15)
4. The service you render today will be forgotten tomorrow. Serve people anyway. (Luke 17:17)
5. Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway. (Luke 12:51; Luke 13:5)
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men with the smallest ideas. Think big anyway. (Luke 22:22, 24)
7. People pretend to love the “little” people but sell their souls to the “big” people. Fight for the “little” people anyway. (Matthew 19:14)
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. (Matthew 26:48, 49, 56)
9. People really need help but may attack you if you do help. Help people anyway. (Luke 4:18, 19, 28, 29)
10. Give the world the best you have, and you’ll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway. (Matthew 27:17, 21)



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# Missionary Spotlight

My family started 2015 with the excitement of moving to New Delhi, India on February 5th! It was what I had been working towards for over 10 years. However, the closer February came, the more we realized that our big move might not become a reality. For months leading up to our departure, it became more and more evident that India was not planning on giving us a long-term visa. In fact, we had to enlist political involvement just to get a short-term tourist visa to travel through India to come to Nepal. With all this sudden change we have had the fastest, most exciting year of our lives. We have truly learned we must depend wholly on God in missions.

The first big transition was our big move to the mission field. We had been preparing for this transition in our life during our 2 years of deputation. However, with God closing the door to India, we looked for another open door. After much prayer and counsel, we looked to Nepal as our new field. One week after hearing about the country of Nepal and the opportunity, I stood in the country with my pastor and mission director of Grace Baptist Church. If that wasn't whirlwind enough, less than a month after that, I got off of a plane with my wife, two kids, and all our earthly belongings and entered a country I had just learned about a month ago. We began immediately to see that even though we had no preparation for coming to this country, our God had been way ahead of us preparing the way. God has given us some great friends and opportunities since arriving here 6 months ago. We truly can depend on Him wholly in missions!

The biggest adventure of 2015 came just after settling in to our new home in our very, very new country, Nepal. Less than a week after getting our house completely finished, we had a 7.9 earthquake that destroyed the city and claimed thousands of lives. We were at church on the second story when it happened. For over a minute, Jolynn, Amber, and I huddled in a doorway with 10 Nepali believers as the building swayed back and forth. Another lady grabbed our son Shepherd and was out of sight in another doorway. You do not need a translator to interpret prayers in time of crisis! As we traveled back to our house after all had settled, we saw more devastation. When we finally were able to make our way to our house we found a broken-up mess: pictures broken, walls shattered, and house that had become unlivable. Again, we were disappointed to not end up where we thought we would, but, oh, the opportunities that have come from this! God has opened up doors for us to be a blessing to our country. God has protected us through it all, so we know we can depend on Him wholly tomorrow. I do not know where I would be without Him and I definitely do not know where we will be. We may not be in our new country and we may not be in our new house, but we will be serving God because he is **DEPENDABLE!**

For His Name Sake,  
Paul Taube

