



# Business Leadership Group Discussion & Application Guide

Dr. Jim Harris, Our Unfair Advantage—Session 1 of 3

## For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom 8:14

Dr. Jim Harris executes leadership training and coaching to large and small, secular and Christian-led companies. He presents a strongly held opinion/conviction that Christians in leadership positions should enjoy a distinct advantage over non-Christians. Why do you think this truth is not always self-evident among self-identified “Christian leaders?” [Consider verses above & below to discuss with your group]

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Would you say that your day to day business decisions are more *head led, money led, opportunity led, expert led or pressure led*? [share with your group and encourage one another]

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Jim states that most business leaders need to make a distinct shift in their basis for decisions. Are you confident that your routine decisions are inspired [constrained] by the Holy Spirit?—how might you improve? [share your thoughts with your group]

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2. Can I commit to a schedule to implement this application? [explain and discuss with the group, if necessary]

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But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. Jn 16:13 NIV

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. Proverbs 23:7a NKJV



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**For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom 8:14**

Since God is all-knowing, all powerful and unlimited by space or time, nothing catches Him by surprise, nothing is impossible. As a loving Father, He wants the best for His children. Given those truths, do you agree that He wants us to see the potential outcomes of our decisions? [In your personal reflection and group discussion consider the verses above & below]

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Part of Godly Wisdom is knowledge of His truth [His Word]; part is knowing how to apply it. As followers of Christ, anticipating the outcomes of our actions should outflow from our relationship with God. In the last session, we established that one of the Holy Spirit’s jobs is to “tell us what is yet to come” {Jn 16:13} Generally speaking, what might help or hinder the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives? [reflect and discuss with your group]

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Jim’s illustration of a menu decision may seem too mundane to practice partnering with the Holy Spirit. Can you think of a better example from your workplace? Would you consider following his example to practice partnering with the Holy Spirit? [Discuss with your group and consider committing to do so]

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For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. 2 Tim 1:7 KJV  
God didn't give us a cowardly spirit but a spirit of power, love, and good judgment.

2 Tim 1:7 God's Word Translation

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, Rom 8:16 ESV

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 1 Cor 2:10 KJV

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**“It’s time to stop praying wimpy prayers.”**

Jim Collins challenged business leaders to establish grand visions and BHAGs [Big Hairy Audacious Goals] Since Jesus said “You have not because you ask not” is it possible that we limit ourselves by praying prayers bound by small visions {of what God can do}? [Consider Mk 4:30-31, Lk 13:19, 17:6 & Mat 17:20, then share your thoughts with your group]

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In Jabez’s prayer, he prayed “bless me indeed” and “enlarge my territory.” Some stretch that prayer into a tenet of the “prosperity Gospel” [that God wants you to be wealthy and successful in the world’s eyes as a testimony] How might Jesus might have applied that same prayer, since He left the world with no wealth or possessions? [discuss with your group]

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Some people associate the term “Spirit-led” with fleeting mystical experiences, yet the leading of the Holy Spirit should be *normal* for followers of Christ. Jim’s suggested making a written list of advantages you have in your relationship with the Holy Spirit can be a faith builder. Consider making your own list, then add it to it from the collective list in your group.

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Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request. 1 Chronicles 4:10 NIV

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