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Servant Leadership  
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*Relational Leadership* Walter C. Wright

Robert Speer also on servant leadership

Conference occurs each year collected by Speer—talks to making servant leadership work in marketplace.

Mark 10:35ff Episode of John and James, Sons of Thunder.

If you were to think of your own life and ministry as a blank check from Jesus—plumb what the mixed motives might be.

EGW speaks to the mixed motives of John and James and the power seeking as well as the desire to come along side Jesus.

What are my personal motives?

Reflect upon these...

Is it seeking to be with someone powerful?

Is it a desire to have my name enshrined for future recognition?

Is it a misunderstanding of the abased situation of Jesus at Calvary?

The greatest hindrance to servant leadership is us.

We are not the right people.

Less about understanding theory and more about hearts being changed.

Maybe servant leadership is something we don't really learn without pain?

Disciples are upset because James and John have beat them to the opportunity to seek first place in Jesus' kingdom.

Mark 9:33-36 Welcomes a child to Himself.

Children had no status in society here.

Welcome children not because of something they can offer....

Are people better leaders who come under our leadership become better people or are they simply used up?

Are they more able to make good choices because of leadership support?

Instead of using people to make you a better person, seek to help them become a better person.

Story of Robert Greenleaf...wanted to change society—if you want to do that, do it in the corporate world and start at the bottom and work up.

He went to work for them as a lineman and worked his way up to corporate leadership.

In 1960 retired and began lecturing on college campuses and worked with college students.

John Woolman modeled servant leadership with his anti-slavery itinerary to all the Quakers on the East Coast.

The world says—what can you do for me?

But Jesus calls a child to him and re-define greatness by understanding about building others up and then, conveys how that the servant is not building wealth for himself.

The essence of a servant is: my orientation is to not build up myself, but build up somebody else.

In other words, I want to see other people improved, rather than trying to get myself recognized.

Service and child-likeness

What are the implications when you are a senior pastor leading a team?

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OK James and John, so what do you want?  
They're really asking for something pretty puny.

If what we want is something so much bigger than ourselves, is a waste.

Story of son of Greenleaf: If you were in an organization and you wanted to get an idea to gain acceptance in the organization, what would you do?

If you disseminated this idea among the workgroups and committees and it came to fruition.

But then, you would never get the credit for it!