



It's Not About Me

Servant Leadership-

A Biblical Model

Matthew 20:25-27

- 25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, *“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—*

Worldly vs. Godly Leadership

- “Lords it” over others
- “Great” exercise authority
- Serves others
- “Great” exercise service
- “First” becomes slave



John 15:14-17

- *14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.*

– The New King James Version, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 1998, c1982.

Worldly vs. Godly Leadership

- Subordinates
 - Restricted information
 - People used
 - Produce for the leader
 - Motivation: Fear
- Friends
 - Shared information
 - People developed
 - Produce own fruit
 - Motivation: Love



Christ's Example


- Matthew 20:28 *just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

It's Not About Me!

- Leadership is about developing others.
- Leadership accomplishes a task through the development of others.
- Leadership is about motivating and equipping people for mission.
- Leaders are affirmed through the success of others.

It Can't Be About Me!

“God cannot give in greatest measure either physical or mental power to those who gather to themselves burdens which He has not appointed. When men take upon themselves such responsibilities, however good the work maybe, their physical strength is overtaxed, and their minds become confused, and they cannot attain the highest success.” *Testimonies for the Church Volume Six p. 245*



It Shouldn't Be About Me!

- “In no case does God require His servants to bear burdens that He has not given them. He does not require them to gather to themselves more responsibilities than they can patiently and successfully carry. Those professing Christians who do this, dishonor the name they bear, and lower the standard of Christianity.”
- Spalding and Magan Collection p. 302

..only in case of emergency...

- In some respects the pastor occupies a position similar to that of the foreman of a gang of laboring men or the captain of a ship's crew. They are expected to see that the men over whom they are set, do the work assigned to them correctly and promptly, and only in case of emergency are they to execute in detail. *Christian Service* p. 70

How?

- Attitude change- Every member a minister
- Discipling- training and equipping leadership
- Affirmation of delegation
- Personal ongoing commitment to mentor at least two others at all times

John 3:30

- 30 He must increase, but I *must* decrease.
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