



Servant Leadership



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Introduction

- **Jesus Christ is The Word that became flesh and dwelt among us**
- **Jesus therefore processes all the characteristic that only God alone has, one of them is omniscience (all knowing).**
- **When we learn from Jesus we know we are learning from the best model on how to live our lives and especially how to lead and serve**
- **The fact that he lived and led here on earth, underscores the truth that Jesus is the best example**

- **The disciples were blessed to seat at the feet of The Master and listen to sermons and teachings filled wisdom and divine instructions**
- **The path to great leadership that is paved with the road to becoming a servant.**
- **Jesus addresses the issues of power directly giving instructions on how to rule and even how to use authority.**
- **He sets clear examples and we can all follow in His steps**

The Concept of Servanthood

- **The most prolific of Old Testament prophecies about Christ reveal that the Messiah would be a suffering servant. Isaiah 52:13-53:12**
- **In Isaiah 53:11, “My Servant, will justify many.”**
- **Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”**
- **The Son of God calls Himself the Son of Man, this talks to service not domination; humility not arrogance**

The Suffering Saviour King



the Suffering Servant
Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Jesus Taught

- **Jesus makes an analogy of leaders in the world who lord over the people, and exercise authority over people**
- **Jesus then teaches that His disciple will not follow that model**
- **He teaches that Kingdom leadership is about being servants**
- **The definition of greatness is servanthood**

**But Jesus called them unto Him, and said, "... whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many."
Matthew 20:25-28**



Jesus The Doer

- **Jesus gives the greatest demonstration of servant leadership during the Last Supper**
- **He consolidated many of the concepts of servanthood, leadership, and greatness in the Kingdom of God and by washing the disciples' feet;**
- **In 1st century Palestine, it imperative that feet be washed before a communal meal and washing of feet was the work of the lowliest of servants – Jesus did it**

- He set the example and called disciples to follow His example.
- Jesus wanted his followers to abandon the notion of societal hierarchy
- We have to show others the same kind of love that Jesus showed us
- Jesus was intentional. ‘So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.’ Luke 5:16
- “Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn”

**“I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE TO
FOLLOW. DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU.”
JOHN 13:15**



Jesus is a Living Example

- **The Legacy of Jesus was carried on by his disciples**
- **The exploits of deacons Acts 6 and 7**
- **Philippians 2:1–11 reminds us of the humility of Jesus and shows us that the way up is downwards**
- **1 Peter 5:1-4 Teaches leaders not to domineer over those in their charge, but to be examples to the flock**

Phil 2:6-11

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.