

SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Leadership teams will know, understand, and personalize ...

- ***the foundational principles of spiritual leadership,***
- ***the spirit of servanthood,***
- ***God's use of both natural and spiritual leadership qualities,***
- ***the necessity of forming and operating as a team,***
- ***the responsibility to reproduce leaders, and***
- ***the leading of the Holy Spirit to accomplish all of the above.***

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MARK 10 | THE SERVANT'S PARADOXES

THE LORD PROVIDES FIVE IMPORTANT LESSONS
EXPRESSED IN FIVE CONCISE, PARADOXICAL STATEMENTS

Prime Example | WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN AM I STRONG | A PARADOX
Reference 2 Corinthians 12:10 & 2 Corinthians 6:8-10

1. TWO SHALL BE ONE | 1-12 – Marriage & Divorce
2. ADULTS SHALL BE AS CHILDREN | 13-16 – Children & the Kingdom
3. THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST | 17-31 – Wealth & the Poor
4. **SERVANTS SHALL BE RULERS | 32-45 – Servanthood Leadership**
5. THE POOR BECOME RICH | 46-52 – Blind Beggars Healed

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Spiritual Leadership | J. Oswald Sanders
Chapter 3 | The Master's Master Principle

*But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:
44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. Mark 10:43-44 KJV*

INTRODUCTION

- Leadership appears in the Bible only a few times as such
- Servant is more prevalent and prominent
- The worldly connotation of servant is lowly; deemed relatively insignificant
- Jesus elevates the term “servant” to greatness [revolutionary concept]
- Jesus places emphasis on “mutual service” i.e. serving one another

For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. Galatians 5:13 KJV

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MARK 10:42-43 | THE PROBLEM | THE CHALLENGE | THE IMPERATIVE | THE REWARD

⁴² But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. ⁴³ But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: Mark 10: 42-43 KJV

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matthew 19:28 KJV

INAPPROPRIATE INTERPRETATION | ERRONEOUS WORLDVIEW | APPLICATION

GLORY vs. SHAME

CROWN vs. CROSS

MASTER vs. SLAVE

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- **THERE IS SOVEREIGNTY IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. Mark 10:40 KJV

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16 KJV

- **THERE IS SUFFERING INVOLVED IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP | COST IS GREAT
GREATNESS VIA SERVANTHOOD | ENCOURAGED TO BE EVERYBODY'S SLAVE**

But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? Mark 10:38 KJV

For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. John 13:15 KJV

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 1 PETER 2:21 KJV

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>>>Continue on “suffering” aspect of Spiritual Leadership

KEY RAMP FOR WRAP: ISAIAH 42:1-5

PROPHETIC, MESSIANIC PROMISE | ISRAEL’S FAILURE

JESUS’ GLORIOUS SUCCESS | THE PRINCIPLES OF HIS LIFE

OFFERED AS A GIFT AND PATTERN FOR OUR LIVES!

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

² He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

³ A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

⁴ He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

⁵ Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: Isaiah 42:1-5 KJV

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PHILIPPIANS 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

HEBREWS 1:3³ Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

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PSALM 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

MODESTY

ISAIAH 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

ISAIAH 45:15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.

ISAIAH 6:2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

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ACTS 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

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IN A NUTSHELL:

The same anointing that God’s ideal servant received is available for us. Until the Spirit descended upon Him at His baptism, Jesus created no stir in Nazareth, but then events of world-shaking importance began to happen. Is the servant greater than his lord? Can we dispense with that which was the prime essential for the effectiveness of His ministry on earth?

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✓ **Chapter 3 | The Master's Master Principle**

Chapter 4 | Natural and Spiritual Leadership

Chapter 20 | The Reproduction of Leaders