



SERVING
LIKE THE SAVIOR

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The greatest joy that
I know in this life is
serving
the Lord.

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Leadership in the Kingdom of God Develops other leaders

- ◆ The people God brings to SMSB is our greatest resource!
- ◆ You are not here by accident – You have a God-given purpose here that is unique.

Faithful servants never retire. You can retire from your career, but you will never retire from serving God. – Rick Warren





Church Leadership Training

SMSB Church 2024

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Part 2: January 30

Part 3: February 27



What Does it Mean to be a Servant Leader?

“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you
were serving the Lord, not
people” Ephesians 6:7 NIV

A Servant's Prayer...

“O God, for another day, for another morning, for another hour, for another minute, for another chance to live and serve Thee, I am truly grateful.

Fill me with love that knows no barrier, with sympathy that reaches out to all, with courage that cannot be shaken, with faith strong enough for darkness, with strength sufficient for my tasks, with loyalty to Thy kingdom's goal, with wisdom to meet life's complexities, with power to lift me to Thee.

Be Thou with me for another day, and use me as Thou wilt. For Christ's sake I pray. Amen.”

Wallace Fridy

Habakkuk 2:1-2

”I will stand at my watch ^[L]_[SEP] and station myself on the ramparts; ^[L]_[SEP]I will look to see what he will say to me, ^[L]_[SEP] and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

Then the LORD replied:

“Write down the revelation ^[L]_[SEP] and make it plain on tablets

“Use me, my Saviour...”



Dwight L. Moody

1837-1899

“Use me then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose, and in whatever way You may require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with Your grace. Here is my sinful and troubled soul; quicken it with Your love. Take my heart for Your abode; my mouth to spread abroad the glory of Your name; my love and all my powers, for the advancement of Your believing people; and never suffer the steadfastness and confidence of my faith to abate --- so that at all times I may be enabled from the heart to say, “Jesus needs me, and I need Him.”

What is leadership?

- ◆ Leadership takes people where they would never have gone on their own. The privilege of leadership is a high calling. A Christian leader guides God's people to achieve God's purposes, transforming them in the process.

Who is a leader?

- ◆ Although, some people have a God-given ability to lead, there is a sense in which *every Christian*, as an ambassador of Christ – with our light shining for Christ, has been placed in a sphere of influence and, therefore, is a leader.

Kingdom Leaders have **VISION**

*Where there is no
vision, the people
perish. (Proverbs 29:18)*

Expanding the Kingdom of God within our sphere of influence:

The Bible says, “If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves.” (Proverbs 29:18, MSG)

Leadership begins with Vision

4 essential components:

- ◆ Leaders are *keepers* of the vision.
- ◆ Leaders are *communicators* of the vision.
- ◆ Leaders are *coordinators* of the vision.
- ◆ Leaders are *celebrants* of the vision.

Habakkuk 2:3

“For still the vision awaits its appointed time; [L] [SEP] it hastens to the end—it will not lie. [L] [SEP] If it seems slow, wait for it; [L] [SEP] it will surely come; it will not delay.”

God has a Vision for our church...

- ◆ We must always be open to what the Lord is saying to us.
- ◆ In order to be open to His will, we must know His will by hearing the Lord in His Word.
- ◆ God has a vision for our church.

Our Vision...

💧 **A community of people learning to live to the glory of God by following Jesus in our time.**

Our Mission...

- ◆ **Building up the Body of Christ,
Reaching out with the love of
Christ.**

Our Strategy...

- ◆ **Connecting people to God and to one another through worship and ministry.**

Our Values...

- **Our commitment** to personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- **Our commitment** to regular participation in public worship, especially the Lord's Supper.
- **Our commitment** to grow in Christ's likeness through the practice of private prayer, Bible-study and self-discipline.

Our Values...

- **Our commitment** to make our congregation a welcoming, caring community in which every person is valued as a child of God.
- **Our commitment** to shared ministry, giving every member the opportunity to use his/her spiritual gifts for the work of the Gospel.

Our Values...

- **Our commitment** to evangelism by our spoken witness to our faith in Christ and by bringing the teaching and example of Christ into our everyday life.
- **Our commitment** to respond to God's generosity by practicing faithful financial stewardship, honoring God with His Tithes and our offerings for the work of His Church in the local and world-wide community.

Vision is something to be done
NOT just talked about.

**“Vision without execution is
hallucination!”**

The “Doing Principle” of Vision...

“Execution of the Vision
requires a blending of hearts
and combined ***commitment***.
It’s all about ***commitment to
Christ!***

Habakkuk 3:2

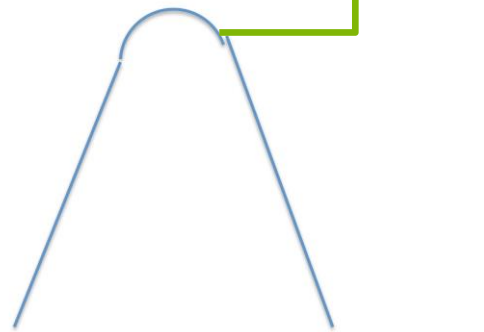
“O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known...”

Life Cycle of Most Churches...



Life Cycle of Breakout Churches...

Growth
Excitement is
awesome



Culture of
Excellence.

Innovation
and
acceleration

Leadership in Breakout Churches...

- ◆ Becomes aware that the Church is not maximizing the potential of its God-given Vision.
- ◆ Renews its belief that God can, will and wants the Church to fulfill His purposes for it.
- ◆ Commits to make the changes and deal with the crises necessary to achieve the Vision God has entrusted to it.

Habakkuk 3:17-19

“Though the fig tree does not bud [L] [SEP] and there are no grapes on the vines... [L] [SEP] yet I will rejoice in the LORD, [L] [SEP] I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; [L] [SEP] he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, [L] [SEP] he enables me to go on the heights.”

Not just talking about it, but DOING it!

In order to implement this God-given Vision we are called to be His *agents of change* and to do this in a way that glorifies the Lord:

1. Leaders must DRAW ON THE WISDOM AND DISCERNMENT OF OTHERS. Too much is at stake to make unwise moves.

2. Leaders must LOVE THE PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED IN our CARE. People will forgive much if they feel there is genuine love in our hearts.

Not just talking about it, but
DOING it!

3 . Leaders must **KEEP THE FAITH**. We must trust that the Lord will provide all that is needed for His Vision in this place to become a reality.

God chooses people...

God chooses a man not to make his life easy but to *use* him.

As God's chosen man/woman, may God deny me ease and give Himself the glory.

Thomas a Kempis

“The Imitation of Christ”



1380-1471

BBETTER
IT IS TO HAVE
a small portion
of good sense,
with humility and
a slender under-
standing, than great
treasures of science
with vain self-
complacency.

Thomas à Kempis

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“The Imitation of Christ”

“I will hearken what the Lord God will speak in me.

Blessed is the soul which heareth the Lord speaking within her, and receiveth from his mouth the word of consolation.

Blessed are the ears that gladly receive the pulses of the Divine whisper, and give no heed to the many whisperings of the world.

Thomas a Kempis

“The Imitation of Christ”

Blessed indeed are those ears which listen not after the voice which is sounding without but for the Truth teaching inwardly.

Blessed are the eyes which are shut to outward things, but intent on things eternal.

Blessed are they that enter far into inward things, and endeavor to prepare themselves more and more, by daily exercises, for the receiving of Heavenly secrets.

Thomas a Kempis

“The Imitation of Christ”

Blessed are they who are glad to have time to spare for God, and shake off all worldly impediments.

Consider these things, O my soul, and shut up the door of my sensual desires, that thou mayest hear what the Lord thy God shall speak in thee.”

Questions or comments?



A Servant's Prayer

(Theodore Parker Ferris)...



(Dec. 23, 1908-Nov. 26, 1972)

“Lord Jesus, I would like to be able to do myself the things I help others do. I can give them the confidence I myself do not have. I can quiet their anxieties, not my own. What do I lack? Or is it the way I am made?”

A Servant's Prayer...

I want to be free to move from place to place without fear and I want to face the thing to be done without panic. You did it and You made it possible for others to do. You trusted Your Father. You didn't turn away from life, nor did You seek pain or death. You met each day as it came, and I would like to do the same – but by myself I cannot.

A Servant's Prayer...

- ◆ I like to think that You can be with me, and be in me and that, with Your help, I can be better. This is what I hope for, and what I ask for. Amen.”

Leaders is about TEAM-BUILDING...

To be a **TEAM BUILDER**...

1. We must regularly remind ourselves of **the bigger picture**, know the vision and avoid the temptation of the easier route.... “just do it myself.” Instead a team-builder **draws others in**.
2. We must major on **being an encourager**.
3. We must be **communicators**. Regularly connect with those whom we oversee in ministry.

3. Leadership in the Kingdom
of God **Develops other people.**

Above all...



True
LEADERS
have a
*servant's
heart.*

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The Cauldron of Servanthood

Only real Followers are potential Leaders.

Joshua was Moses' minister.

Elisha "went after Elijah and ministered to him."

Biblical Servanthood is ultimately being a servant to God and His purposes, not necessarily to the needs of others.

Godly leadership is not innate. God's Leaders are forged in the cauldron of Servanthood. It is a winnowing process.

Servant Leaders.

Very few people are servant leaders because so few people are willing to learn to handle ultimate responsibility by first fitting into the life, schedule or program of another – that there is always room at the bottom.



HOLY SPIRIT

Our Model for Leadership - Jesus



Jesus' leadership style—
not a General leading
troops into battle – not
a CEO managing a
company for
stockholders – not a
Conductor leading an
orchestra but like a
good **Coach**.

Leadership Jesus' Style

Jesus spent more time
touching people and *talking* to
them than any other action.

Leadership Jesus' Style

💧 He *knew* them.

“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”

John 10:14-15

Leadership Jesus' Style

◆ He *touches* them.

“When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.”

Luke 4:40

Leadership Jesus' Style

◆ He *healed* them.

“Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.”

Matthew 15:30

Leadership Jesus' Style

◆ He *affected* them.

“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40

Leadership Jesus' Style

◆ He *mentored* them.

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”

A Model for Leadership

- ◆ “The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11-12

A Model for Leadership

- ◆ “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.”

Mark 10:45

Co-laboring servants must develop not only the *heart* of Christ but the *mind* of Christ as well.

- ◆ We must be LIKEMINDED. If God's Church is to grow, Church leadership must understand that "it is not about **me**. It is about **HIM** and **THEM**." Agreement on GOALS, latitude on METHODS.

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

To think like Jesus,
we need to grow up in Jesus!

**Remember...a church cannot
grow beyond the spiritual
maturity level of its
leadership.**

Leaders cannot lead beyond their point of spiritual maturity.

- ◆ In order to lead, church leaders must maintain their daily walk with God.

“Your soul is like a battery that discharges each time you give life away, and it needs to be recharged regularly.”

Co-laboring Servants:

💧 Must be spiritually MATURE.

*** KNOW YOUR PEOPLE – **Responsibility** makes or breaks.

Guarding Your Daily Walk with Christ



A Farmer and his Orchard...

The story is told of a farmer who owned an orchard in a valley of orchards. One year the drought was harsher than all the previous years. Yet his trees were verdant and more fruitful than the surrounding ones. The other farmers' trees were brown while his were still green.

A Farmer and his Orchard...

They gathered one day to ask his secret. He replied, “My trees can go another four weeks without water. You see, when they were young, I often withheld water from them so that their roots were forced to drill deeper to find water. So while the other trees are dying, mine are drinking from a much deeper source.” Drill down, and get your water from a deeper source.

Co-laboring Servants:

💧 Must be FAITHFUL.

“Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, [LSEP] but a faithful man who can find?”

(Proverbs 20:6)

*** DEPENDABLE PEOPLE ARE RARE – Wait on them.

Co-laboring Servants:

- ◆ Must be FAITHFUL.

In little things. “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.”
(Luke 16:10)

In working with others. “And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?” (Luke 16:12)