

CLASS 2

Becoming a True Servant

CLASS OVERVIEW

In this class we will review:

- The need for leaders to be servants.
- Christ's own example of service.
- The connection between humility and being a good servant.
- The pitfalls of selfish ambition and an ungodly desire to lead.

Opening Group Questions:

- What do leadership, humility, and being a servant have in common?
- Is it possible to be a servant and not be a leader? How? Give some examples.
- Is it possible to be a leader and not a servant? How? Give some examples.
- Is it possible to be a servant and NOT be humble? How? Give some examples.

"The people are not there to help you be a successful pastor [or leader]. You are there by divine assignment to work with God to bring His people to their fullest potential in knowing and doing the will of God for His glory."

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I. Introduction

Servant leadership has been a strong theme and teaching of the Church, especially as of late. Being humble and having the attitude of a servant is essential for a person to lead in a godly way.

Through His teaching and personal life, Christ gave us the ultimate example of a leader who was also a servant.

Mark 10:43-45—"whoever desires to become great among you *shall be your servant*. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

II. Four Qualities of Effective Servant Leaders

1. Remaining Humble

"...And before honor is humility" (Proverbs 15:33)

Group Question:

- How will a lack of humility or the presence of vanity affect a leader's ability to lead, and a congregation's ability to follow?

"What the head knows, the hand cannot do until the heart is broken..."

Lawrence, B. (1999). *Effective Pastoring* (p. 28). USA: Word Publishing.