

John 13:14-15—Christ specifically pointed out His own example of being a servant (in foot-washing)—an example that we are commanded to follow.

Rom 6:13—We are to present ourselves to God as His instruments, tools, or weapons of righteousness.

1 Tim 4:12—Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

III. Conclusion

God calls us to learn to lead. Simultaneously, He calls us to be servants. It *is* possible to be servant leaders and to glorify Christ in this way. Learning to love our brethren while we serve them is paramount to overcoming in this life. God calls each of us and presents us with a very special opportunity. He wants to reward us! He wants to tell us, "Well done, good and faithful *servant*!" (Matt 25:21, 23). However, in order to hear those words at Christ's return, we must truly be **servants** in this life.

"Let us all learn to reflect Jesus Christ in this way. Let us all learn to sincerely grow in and practice **servant leadership** to the glory and honor of the God we serve and the Savior who gave Himself for us."

Meredith, R.C. (Nov-Dec 2003). *Living Church News* (p. 21).

Optional Homework for Next Class: (choose one assignment to complete)

- Discuss the characteristics that are essential to having the "heart" of a godly leader.
- Why is a leader's "heart" so important?
- Do a Bible study on the word "heart."