

The Christian imperative for Servant Leadership

Example and Instructions from Jesus

John 13:

12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. **“Do you understand what I have done for you?”** he asked them. **13** **“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14** Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. **15** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. **16** Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. **17** Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Old Testament Quote From God

1 Samuel 16:7

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart .”

BIBLICAL SUPPORT

FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP

CHARACTERISTICS

Love is *patient*

Love is *kind*

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not
proud (*humility*)

It is not rude (*respectful*), it is not self-seeking
(*selfless*), it is not easily angered, it keeps no
record of wrongs (*forgiving*).

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with
the truth (*honest*).

It always protects, always trusts, always
hopes, always perseveres (*committed*).

Love never fails (*results oriented/no excuses*)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 13:13

And now these three
remain: faith, hope and
love and the greatest of
these is Love

Colossians 3:

5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: *anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language* from your lips. 9 Do not *lie* to each other
12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves *with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience*. 13 *Bear with each other* and *forgive* one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. [14] And over all these virtues put on *love*, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ...

Love defined:

The act(s) of extending yourself for others by identifying and meeting their legitimate needs and seeking their greatest good

Agape - the self-sacrificing love of God for humanity, which they (humanity) are committed to reciprocating and practicing towards God and among one another

Servant Leadership is based on LOVE (agape - the verb)

Are we interested in helping people grow and become the best they can be?

Are we extending ourselves for others even when we may not feel like it?

Are we seeking the greatest good of those we lead?

*I don't necessarily have to like my associates,
but as a man I must love them.*

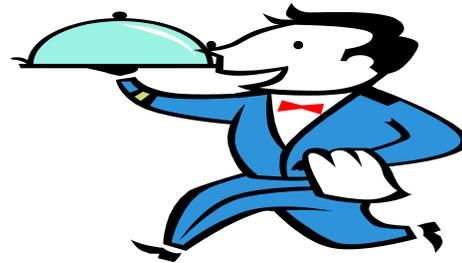
Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing

-Vince Lombardi



Servant Leadership Characteristics

- Humility
- Patience
- Kindness
- Respectfulness
- Selflessness
- Forgiveness
- Honesty
- Commitment
- Results oriented/“no excuses”
- Ego directed toward team accomplishments



The Beatitudes

Blessed (Happy) are:

- The Poor in Spirit - **Humility**
- They that Mourn - **Kindness**
- The Meek - **Patience/Respectfulness/Results Oriented (“no excuses”)**
- They which Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness - **Respectfulness/Selflessness**
- The Merciful – **Kindness/Forgiveness**
- The Pure in Heart – **Honesty/Ego directed toward team**
- The Peace Makers - **Respectfulness/Forgiveness /Selflessness**
- Those Persecuted for Righteousness’ Sake – **Commitment/Selfless**

Based on Matthew Henry’s *Exposition of the Old and New Testaments (1708–10)*

Humility –

Philippians 2:7 but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

Patience –

Rev 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and **patience** of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos,

1Tim 1:16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited **patience**..

Rom 15:5 Now the God of **patience** and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

Kindness –

Ephesians 4:32 Be **kind** to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His **kindness** and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Luke 6:35 **But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.**

Colossians 3:12 So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience;

Respectfulness –

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Selflessness -

Luke 22:42 Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.

and, most importantly he came to earth, was crucified on the cross, and was raised from the dead

Forgiveness -

Luke 23:34 Father forgive them for they know not what they are doing.

Matthew 6:15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins

Proverbs 17:9 One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend (NRSV)

Honesty -

John 4:23-24 But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth

Commitment -

John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me

Results Oriented -

All of his teachings, miracles, death on the cross and ultimate resurrection

Ego directed to team accomplishments -

Matthew 21:12

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.

Luke 22:42

Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.

Example and Instructions from Jesus

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He focused on People

He focused on Service

He kept in Constant contact w/His Boss

He stuck to his mission

He believed in Himself

He had internal anchors

He guarded his energy

He did the difficult things

He said thank you

He was constantly in a state of celebration

He owned it

He didn't waste time judging others

He expressed himself

He was willing to look foolish

He had a passionate commitment to the cause

He was love in control of the plan
He worked through his fears
He prized the seed rather than the bouquet
He took action
He had a plan
He formed a team
He called the question
He saw things differently
He broke ranks
He came out of left field
He changed the unit of measurement
He gave them a vision of something larger than
themselves
He boiled it down
He was visible
He forgave them
He treated them as equals
He was transparent
He spent lots of time w/them
He kept urging them
He held them accountable
He served them
He gave them authority
He knew that nobody wins until we all do.