

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“I Expect Him to Have a Ministering Heart”

“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” – Pt. 8

John 13:1-17 & Selected

A Ministering Heart...

I. Cultivates love as a solid foundation!

“Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.” Vs. 1

II. Prioritizes God’s mission above personal rejection!

“During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper.” Vs. 2-4a

III. Models their service after the example of Jesus!

“He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them; with the towel that was wrapped around Him.” Vs. 4-5

“For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” Vs. 15

Jesus “made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant (slave), being born in the likeness of men.” Philippians 2:7

IV. Rejects pride as destructive to their walk with God!

“Jesus said to him, ‘The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.’” Vs. 10

“...and those who walk in pride He is able to humble.” Daniel 4:37b

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”
Proverbs 16:18

“One’s pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.” Proverbs 29:23

V. Serves for the glory of God above all else!

“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” Vs. 17

Jesus said, “I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.”
John 17:4-5

“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14