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I. Jesus was _____ about the future, but he still _____ the assignment.

- A. Jesus displayed _____.
- B. Many people are reluctant to take any kind of leadership role because they can anticipate some of the _____.
- C. Before refusing a position of authority just because of the pressure, remember that there are some real _____ too.

II. Jesus was _____ by the multitudes, but he still maintained his _____.

- A. Jesus did several things to _____ bring the spotlight on himself.
 - 1. He performed his most _____ just before the triumphal entry.
 - 2. He arranged this parade during the _____ week.
 - 3. He deliberately _____.
 - 4. He accepted the people's _____, thereby _____ their support.
- B. Jesus maintained a spirit of _____ and _____ that continued to impress the common people.

C. One of the most _____ pressures of leadership is when people praise you.

III. Jesus was _____ by his critics, but he still continued his mission, which takes _____.

- A. The religious leaders were _____ at the triumphal entry.
- B. Anyone who steps into the spotlight must accept the fact that not _____ is going to approve.
- C. If you accept a leadership role of any kind, you must learn to endure criticism without _____.
- D. An effective leader must learn to _____ the criticism.

IV. Jesus was motivated by _____, but he was still realistic about people, which takes amazing _____.

- A. Jesus' motivation was simply a desire to _____ the people of the world from their _____.
- B. Jesus was not _____ about people, yet he never grew _____ and _____ about them either.
- C. Grace is God's _____ when _____ is deserved.
- D. God came to our _____ in the person of Jesus Christ to save us, costing him the _____ of his son.
- E. There comes a time when _____ are to step into the spotlight for him, accepting him as Savior and Lord and living daily for his glory.



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