

Biblical Leadership

In 2015, it was estimated that 1,246 books had been published with the word “Leadership” in the title.

There are as many definitions of leadership as there are leaders.

Some definitions of leadership:

“The power or ability to lead other people.”
Webster’s Dictionary

“Open, authentic and positive influence.”
Business News Daily

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”
Warren Bennis

Some Biblical definitions of leadership:

“Spiritual leadership is moving people on to God’s agenda.”
Henry Blackaby

“Servant leadership is the humble service of others based on our love for them.”

“Influence is the *sine qua non* (the essential condition) of leadership, and without it, leadership won’t happen. A Christian leader, then is a servant with the credibility and capacity to have influence.”
Aubrey Malphurs

All definitions of Leadership must address at least three items.

- 1 - Followers
- 2 - Leaders
- 3 - Goals

What is servant leadership? Luke 22:24-27

“...let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.”

“A servant leader seeks to invest himself in the lives of his people so that, as a whole, the church community is challenged to grow to be more like Christ.”

Matthew 23:11

“Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.”

Two Models: Worldly

Servant Leader



- 1 Run to Great Purpose – Why do we serve/lead?
- 2 Upend the Pyramid – Serve instead of Lording over.
- 3 Raise the Bar – Expect people to serve and do their best.
- 4 Blaise the Trail – Set the example and encourage people to follow.
- 5 Build on Strength – Do not dwell on negatives but emphasize and build on positive potential for Christ.