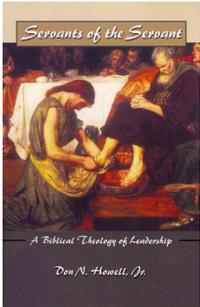




SERVANTS OF THE SERVANT



“Biblical Leadership is taking the initiative to influence people to grow in holiness and to passionately promote the extension of God’s kingdom in the world. . . . Those who stand out in Scripture as leaders are designated, first of all, servants of the Lord.” Howell, Servants of the Servant, pg. 3

The leader’s character, motive, and agenda determine if the exercising of leadership is constructive or unhealthy. Howell, Servants of the Servant, pg. 1

THE SERVANT LEADER’S COMPASS (SEE HANDOUT)

SERVANT LEADERS ARE NOT PERFECT, BUT THEY DO LIVE WITH A CONTINUED AND CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO CARRY OUT THE LORD’S PURPOSES.

*“The Bible is a book that tells it like it is. The God of perfection who planned, supervises and will one day consummate the plan of redemption employs flawed human vessels to accomplish his purposes. The Biblical record applauds the successes of its great leaders without magnifying them, and censures their failures without excoriating them. Divine grace is at work and the human instruments are but servants whose vocation is to magnify a majestic Lord.”
Howell, Servants of the Servant p. 296*

THE SERVANT LEADER’S JOURNEY: TRAJECTORIES OF SERVANT LEADERS

PROVEN CHARACTER
(Romans 5:1-11)

DOXOLOGICAL MOTIVE
(Philippians 2:11)

DIVINE AGENDA
(Acts 20:24)



THE SERVANT LEADER'S EXAMPLES: OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT PERSONALITIES

SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

SERVANT OF YAHWEH/JEHOVAH/THE LORD

עֶבֶד יְהוָה ('ebed yhwah)

(Joshua 24:29; 2 Samuel 7:5)

SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

δοῦλος (doulos)

“One who belongs to another”
“a voluntary, fully-devoted servant”

It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant (doulos), and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:26-28

διάκονος (diakonos)

Literally “through the dust” or “thoroughly in the dust”.
“to kick up dust”, as one running an errand.” A.T. Robertson

The greatest among you shall be your servant (diakonos). Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12

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THE SERVANT LEADER'S ULTIMATE EXAMPLE: THE LEADERSHIP PROFILE OF JESUS

(Chapter 14-16 of Servants of the Servant)

Kingdom Harvest Through **SACRIFICE**
Kingdom Righteousness Through **FREEDOM**
Kingdom Greatness Through **SERVANTHOOD** • *Son of Man and Suffering Servant*



THE SERVANT LEADER'S COMPASS

The Servant Leader's Aspiration:
The Glory of God
(Philippians 2:5-11)



The Servant
Leader's
Motivation:
The Mission of God
(Matthew 28:18—20)

The Servant
Leader's
Vision:
The Revelation of God
(Proverbs 29:18)

The Servant Leader's Foundation:
The Word of God
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

MAKING IT PERSONAL: QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

THE SERVANT LEADER'S COMPASS

- Which of the 5 Compass Points are strongest in your life?
- Which of the 5 Compass Points needs focus, advancement, or improvement?
- Which of the 5 Aspects made you think about your leadership influence the most?

THE SERVANT LEADER'S JOURNEY

- If you were to compare your current Leadership Journey to the Three Trajectories, in what ways are you content with where your journey is trending?
- In what ways are you concerned with where your journey is trending?

THE SERVANT LEADER'S EXAMPLES (OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT)

- Who is one OT personality you identify with the most?
 - Who is one NT personality you identify with the most?
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THE SERVANT LEADER'S ULTIMATE EXAMPLE

- Which qualities or characteristics from The Leadership Profile of Jesus do you believe are most evident in your life?
- Which qualities or characteristics do you pray will be increasingly displayed in your life?