

Act Like A Servant, Think Like A Leader

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Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.'

*But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and **the leader should be like a servant.***

*Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves. **Luke 22: 24-27 (NLT)***

**Traditional Leadership is "Boss-Centered"
Servant Leadership is "Others-Centered"**

True leadership is found in giving yourself in **service to others,
not in getting others to **serve you**.**

Four Things Jesus Wants To Teach Us About Leadership:

1. Don't lord over people.

*Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men **lord it over their people**, yet they are called '**friends of the people.**' But among you it will be different.*

Luke 22:25-26a (NLT)

*Don't **be bossy** to those people who are in your care, but set an example for them. **1 Peter 5:3 (CEV)***

2. Be humble.

*"But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should **take the lowest rank...**" **Luke 22:26 (NLT)***

What Is Humility?

- Humility is not passivity.
- Humility is not a lack of confidence.
- Humility is not based on your personality.
- Humility does not mean that you should never acknowledge your accomplishments or achievements.

Humility is the intentional recognition that God is everything to you, and that you are nothing without Him. It is the acknowledgement that life is not about you, and that the needs of others are more important than your own.

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And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor.

1 Peter 5:5b-6 (NLT)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up in honor.

James 4:10 (NLT)

3. Be a servant.

But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves?

Luke 22:26 (NLT)

Anybody can be great because anybody can serve.

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4. Be like Jesus.

For I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22:27c (NLT)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10:45 (NLT)

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

*Therefore, **God elevated him** to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2:3-11 (NLT)***

