

Title: Servant Leadership

Text: John 13:1-20, Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:7, Matthew 23:11

Target: The quickest way to the top is to serve from the bottom.

1. **The Picture of the Towel: Displays Humanity**

- a. **Deemed with Authority:** “The father had given **all things** into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God.” **John 13:3**
- b. **Descends with Authority:** “He **laid aside** his outer garments...” **John 13:4**

Principle: Servant Leadership is leveraging your position to make others feel prominent.

2. **The Placement of the Towel: Demonstrates Humility**

- a. **Defining Moment:** “...and taking a towel, **tied** it around his waist.” **John 13:4**
- b. **Desired Mindset:** “Began to **wash** the disciples’ feet and to **wipe** them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” **John 13:5**

Principle: Servant Leadership is about posture not about power.

3. **The Priority of the Towel: Delivers Honesty**

- a. **Divine Expectation:** “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also **ought** to wash one another’s feet.” **John 13:14**
- b. **Divine Example:** “For I have given you an **example**, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” **John 13:15**

Principle: Servant Leadership is choosing to practice what you prefer.

4. **The Promise of the Towel: Dwells Honorably**

- a. **Recognized by God:** “If you know these things, **blessed** are you if you do them.” **John 13:17**
- b. **Received by Others:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever **receives** the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” **John 13:20**

Principle: Servant Leadership will pay off long after the paycheck ends.

Takeaway:

- Do we seek to be significant or to give significance?
- Do we seek to be served to be served?
- Do we seek to be seen or to see?
- Do we seek to be a steward or selfish?