

A Gallery of Servant Leaders

Philippians 2:1-30

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Introduction - a Fathers Day remembrance of a servant leader

We believe that the church is called to equip people to “lead like Jesus” in the home, in the congregation, in the community, in the marketplace and in the world. We believe that our world stands in desperate need of servant leaders, people of integrity, committed to excellence and teamwork, in every sphere of life. We desire to engage in continuous leadership development within the church, and to raise up leaders who will be respected and sought for their wisdom and their skills by those outside the church as well.

I. The Call to Servant Attitudes (2:1-4)

- A. Pursue unity
- B. Renounce selfish ambition
- C. Eliminate vain conceit
- D. Cultivate humility
- E. Look out for the interests of others
Skopeo = “to exert effort in continually acquiring information regarding some matter, with the implication of concern as to how to respond appropriately”

II. Four Examples of Servant Leadership

- A. Jesus (2:5-11)
 - Colossians 1:16,17,19; 2:9
- B. Paul (2:17,18)
 - Philippians 1:1
- C. Timothy (2:19-24)
 - I Timothy 1:2; II Timothy 1:2
 - Luke 6:40
 - John 10:11-13; I Corinthians 11:28zeteo = to seek after, to search after, to desire
- D. Epaphroditus (2:25-30)
 - Philippians 4:18

Conclusion: Will your photo be in the gallery?

Daily Bible Readings

June 22-28

Follow-Throughs

- Monday** **Ephesians 4:1-16**
The first aspect of a servant attitude mentioned by Paul in Philippians 2:1-4 is a call to unity, an appeal to be one in spirit and purpose. According to the verses in Ephesians, what do we have in common with our fellow believers? Is there any believer with whom you have been at odds? Meditate on this list of things you have in common, and pray for them.
- Tuesday** **Galatians 5:16-21; James 3:13-18**
The next aspect of a servant attitude is to renounce selfish ambitions. What do these verses say about selfish ambition?
- Wednesday** **Romans 12:16; II Corinthians 12:1-10; Galatians 5:25,26**
Someone with a servant attitude will also get rid of vain conceit. What insights do these verses give about the pitfalls of conceit, and how to overcome conceit?
- Thursday** **Proverbs 11:2; 15:33; 18:12; 22:4**
A servant attitude also involves humility. What do these Proverbs say about the benefits of humility? How is humility viewed within our culture? In what contexts is it hardest for you to demonstrate humility?
- Friday** **Colossians 3:12; Titus 3:1,2; James 3:13; I Peter 5:5**
Notice the importance of humility in these verses. Ask the Lord to give you a humble spirit, along with a genuine concern for the interests of those you encounter today.
- Warm-Ups**
- Saturday** **Mark 6:31-56 and Mark 10:35-45**
Leadership is a process of influence. Anytime you seek to influence the thinking, behavior, or development of people toward accomplishing a goal in their personal or professional lives, you are taking on the role of the leader. What do you learn in these readings in Mark about Jesus as a leader?
- Sunday** **Luke 6:12-16 and John 13:6-14**
How did Jesus lead? What aspects of His leadership are relevant to today's world?