

The Greatest Among You

*"But **he (or she) that is greatest among you shall be your servant.** Whoever makes himself great will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be made great."* **Matthew 23:11-12**

I. Introduction

A Victory Church Core Value

"Lead by Serving: At Victory, we lead by lifting others up. We believe that every leader is first a servant. Success is not measured by title, rank, or position but rather by modeling Jesus' example. Serving is what makes us great. Leaders at Victory Church must be secure and mature enough to empty themselves for the good of others.
True leadership is sacrifice, not privilege; giving, not taking."

II. What Does it Mean to Have Servanthood Qualities and Be a True Servant-Leader?

A true Servant-Leader...

1. Intentionally puts others ahead of their own _____.

- One of the first marks of servanthood is to be able to put others ahead of yourself and your personal desires.
- It is more than being willing to put your agenda on hold. It means intentionally being aware of people's needs, making yourself available to help them, and able to accept their desires as being important.

2. A true servant-leader possesses the _____ to serve others.

- The real heart of servanthood is security.
- Show me someone who thinks that they are too important to serve, and I'll show you someone who is basically insecure and self-absorbed.
- How we treat others is often a reflection of how we view ourselves.

"The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbor as we love ourselves; we do unto to others as we do unto ourselves. We are tolerant toward others as we are tolerant toward ourselves. We forgive others as we forgive ourselves. It is not the love of self but the hatred of self which is frequently at the root of the troubles that afflict our world."----Eric Hoffer

3. Intentionally _____ service to others.

- Many people will serve if someone asks them to, and others will serve in a crisis, but you can really see the heart of someone who looks for ways to serve.
- Great leaders see the need, seize opportunities, and serve without expecting anything in return.

4. Is not _____, but rather, serves out of _____.

- Servanthood is never motivated by manipulation or self-promotion.

ANSWER KEY:

III. In What Ways Can and Should We Serve Those Around Us?

Naturally, spiritually, scripturally, emotionally, socially, fostering community

IV. What Things Can We Strategically and Joyfully Employ In Our Servanthood?

Resources, time, gifts and talents, care, meals, visitation, texts/phone calls, SMILE