### **The Greatest Among You**

"But <u>he (or she) that is greatest among you shall be your servant</u>. 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**

"<u>Lead by Serving</u>: 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				
<ul> <li>One of the first marks of servanthood is to be able to put others ahead personal desires.</li> <li>It is more than being willing to put your agenda on hold. It means interpeople's needs, making yourself available to help them, and able to accepting important.</li> </ul>	ntionally being aware of			
2. A true servant-leader possesses the	to serve others.			
<ul> <li>The real heart of servanthood is security.</li> <li>Show me someone who thinks that they are too important to serve, ar someone who is basically insecure and self-absorbed.</li> <li>How we treat others is often a reflection of how we view ourselves.</li> </ul>	nd I'll show you			
"The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbor as we love oursely others as we do unto ourselves. We are tolerant toward others as we are tolerant.				

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 other	S

- 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.

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

- The impetus of servanthood is always love.
- As leaders and especially as Christians, in the end, the extent of your influence in life depends on the depth of your love and concern for others.
- If people love you, they will follow you, and if people follow you, then you are bound by God to serve them and keep to their best interests at heart.

"True leadership is servanthood. Put the interests of others at the center of your decisions."
---Dave Ramsey

"You've got to love your people more than your position."---John C. Maxwell

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

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	V	Ve can serve people
		moving; cleaning; meals; lawn care; cleaning ministry
		prayer; counsel;
		VSM; CR; Bible Studies; Vgroups
		care; concern; being a good listener
		being a good friend; truthful; loyalty; confidentiality
		Volunteer for Here To Help Team
IV. What Things (	Can We Strategica	lly and Joyfully Employ In Our Servanthood?
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## **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