

LEADERSHIP COMMISSION
Tabernacle of Praise – January 11, 2009
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Act 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

Act 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Act 6:6 Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

1. Taking the load off the ministry, setting up tables, neglect of the widows daily ministrations,

Moses:

Exo 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

The scene in Exodus 18 is particularly interesting and helpful. Moses was overburdened. He was spread too thin, and the people's need was not being met. His father-in-law suggested a form of shared leadership. His plan outlined some excellent qualifications for leadership.

1. **Such as Fear God**: Spiritual leadership calls for a holy awe and reverence for the things of God. They were to be men with respect for the law, the Tabernacle, worship and ethics. Loyal Men who were willing to follow as well as lead others.

Dan 6:3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

2. **Able Men**: This Suggests efficient, trained, capable, apt individuals who can succeed, who can get the job done.
3. **True Men**: Spiritual leadership demands honesty and trustworthiness. The task called for men who are true to God's Word and the ministry of their pastor. Men who understood the law, who had skills, possessed a conscience. Too often we look on the exterior and choose the polished, smooth men, but God looks on the heart. "He desires truth in the inward parts (Psalms 52:6)
4. **Hating covetousness**: God wanted men who hated sin to serve in position of leadership. Too many today tolerate sin and evil. Greed destroys, Materialism is a cancer. Non-covetous men would more likely be clean men, liberal men in their giving, and less likely to take bribes or to sow discord.

QUOTES BY VINCE LOMBARDI

Sacrifice: “To achieve success, whatever the job we have, we must pay the price”.

“Success is like anything worthwhile. It has a price. You have to pay the price to win and you have to pay the price to get to the point where success is possible. **Most Important,** You must pay the price to stay there!”

BEING A SERVANT CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY

Mar 9:35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.

1. God has not called us to be great; he has called us to be faithful.

Rev 2:10 “... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”.

Psa 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

HUMILITY

1. **Humility is the most sensitive of all graces.** The moment a person thinks he has it, it is gone. Yet, not one great leader in any arena, in any age has succeeded existence or operation of something without it.
2. **William Temple said:** “Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself than of other people. Nor does it mean have a low opinion of your own gifts. It means freedom from thinking about yourself as all.”
3. In leadership we must make a choice to place his crown at Jesus feet, **and take up the towel to serve others.** True servants of God will never be without a job in the house of God.

4. **Micah Wrote:**

Mic 6:8 He hath showed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

5. **Isaiah Wrote:**

Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name *is* Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

6. **The Apostle Paul and Humility:** (He lived it)

In AD 59, not long after his conversion, he said, “I am the least of the apostles” (1 Cor 15:9); Several years later he said the he was “less than the least of all saints” (Eph 3:8); Before died he wrote, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” (1 Tim 1:15).

7. **Paul had no worldly ambition,** so there was nothing to be jealous about. He had no reputation, so there was nothing to fight about. He lost that at Calvary. Since he had no possessions, he had nothing to worry about; he had no rights so He could suffer not wrong. He liked himself as already dead, so who could kill him? This is the Apostle of all ages attitude of humility toward the world, the work, and the crucified Lord. Nothing sets a Christian so far beyond the devil’s reach as genuine humility.

8. **King Saul had humility but lost it:** He said at first, “I’m from the least of the tribes and the smallest families” (1 Samuel 9:21). He hid when he was called to kingship. Later, pride got him. The prophet said: (1 Samuel 15:17); “And Samuel said, when thou wast little in thine own sight wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel.”

9. **That is the key to lasting leadership:** Staying small in our own eyes.

10. **One writer noted that Jesus weapon of choice was a towel:** He could have taken a sword, but He did not; He took a towel. How often we could use a weapon, yet we must reach and get the servant's towel to prove, if to no one but ourselves, that we have a servant's heart. The best way to know if we have a servant's heart is by how we react when we are treated as one.

1Pe 2:23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

11. He that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 14:11). The man or woman who chooses to cast their crowns at the feet of Jesus and take up a **towel of service** will be the man and the woman who finds meaning in this life and reward in eternity.

12. The positions that have God has given us as leaders of Tabernacle of Praise or not to make you a name but it is to make our King a name.

13. **And Englishman bought a slave and said:** "I have bought you to set you free." The young man replied, "I will be yours a willing slave forever."

14. The kind of slaves we are in the service of the Lord are **Willing Slaves**, Jesus followers are glad to be love slaves, not having wills of their own to follow but desiring to do his perfect will in their lives. Sold out to Jesus