



Lesson 1: Beginning Servant Leadership
Principles, Pathway, & Preparation

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- Matthew 20:25-28 -

Finding Your Place will also inform and educate you on basic biblical leadership ch

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I. WHAT YOU WILL LEARN IN THIS CLASS

- The Character, Principles, and Quality of Biblical Leadership
- Called to be Servants

- A Bible Pathway to Leadership
- Salvation, Stewardship, Servant's Heart, Character, Calling

- Real Ministry Requires Preparation
- An example from the Life of David

II. THE CHARACTER, PRINCIPLES, AND QUALITY OF BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP

Jesus is the ultimate _____.

As Christians, one day we will all be fully conformed to the likeness of Christ.

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29

Between now and heaven, we are to display and demonstrate the character of Jesus, just as Jesus displayed and demonstrated the Father.

but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father John 10:32

"If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. John 14:7

The servant-leader: all _____ is really _____.

We are to be servants – as Jesus showed us:

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_____ growth as exemplified in Christ:

And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him. Luke 2:40

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men. Luke 2:52

III. THE BIBLICAL PATHWAY TO LEADERSHIP

THE FIRST STEP: _____ A complete response to the complete gospel, (repentance and faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ - resulting in being born again - having a new changed life) followed by water baptism, receiving the infilling or baptism of the Holy Spirit, and walking with God through participation in the local church, prayer, worship, the Word of God, evangelism, etc. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Acts 2:38, 2:42)

THE SECOND STEP: _____ God owns everything and we are stewards (managers) over the things we have been given and that which we are responsible to oversee *“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”* (1 Corinthians 4:2)

THE THIRD STEP: _____ The essence of all true ministry is *SERVING* others - when we serve others, we are serving Jesus.

Leadership is servanthood. *“The greatest among you will be your servant.”* (Matthew 23:11)

THE FOURTH STEP: _____ - Character is the cornerstone of a lasting, effective life and ministry -- staying right with the Lord, being honest and true, the fruit of the Spirit is necessary. (Galatians 5:22, 1 Corinthians 13, Philippians 4:1-4, Colossians 3:1-3)

THE FIFTH STEP: _____ *AND VISION* Discovering the purpose and plan of God for your life, beginning to participate in the unfolding will of God in your life, your family, and your local church to fulfill His mission in you.

IV. REAL MINISTRY REQUIRES PREPARATION

A. The example of David (1 Samuel Chapters 16 – 31, 2 Samuel 1 – 24)

A good outline of 2 Samuel relative to David’s life is:

- The Triumphs of David (2 Samuel Chapters 1 – 10)
- The Transgressions of David (2 Samuel Chapter 11)
- The Troubles of David (2 Samuel Chapters 12 – 24)

David was called by God out of obscurity to become the king of Israel and one of the primary Old Testament prophetic king / priest pictures of the coming Messiah Jesus, Who, as to His humanity was a descendant of David. However, before coming into the fullness of his calling, and even afterwards, David endured many trials and tests of his character and commitment to godly principles. As such, David's life serves as an excellent example of growth and progression into the callings and gifting of God in our lives and of continuation in the call of God even after he had "arrived."

1. Leadership _____

- born out of worship and relationship with God
- faithful service over his father's sheep
- faithfulness in obscurity
- called and anointed by God (through Samuel the prophet)
- God has a plan for you

2. Leadership _____

- after* anointed to be king...went through 10 years in the "school of brokenness"
- David grew as:
 - Shepherd, armor bearer, court musician, warrior, king
 - He was anointed by Samuel the Prophet, and yet remained in relative obscurity for some time. There is an important period of growth we must attend to after our calling is discovered or revealed.
 - David learned the art of warfare and the importance of courage and the source of his victory (God) when he fought the bear and the lion while shepherding sheep.
 - As David grew, he learned the importance of worship. He sang and wrote psalms of praise while faithfully shepherding his father's flocks.
 - It is important for us to learn the value of worship as we grow into our calling and gifting, faithfully serving where God has placed us.
 - David was faithfully following his father's directions when he brought supplies to his brothers who were part of the army under Saul fighting the Philistines. David was curious about the battle, and when he expressed his interest, he was disdained by his brothers.
 - Defeating Goliath.
 - Ministering in Saul's court.
 - Bringing back the Ark.
 - Conquering nations.

3. Leadership _____

David as a fugitive

- persecuted by Saul
- tempted to rush destiny - cutting the skirt of Saul's garment (1 Samuel 24:3)

David as King

- Absalom, his own son leads a rebellion (2 Samuel 15)
- Bathsheba - David commits adultery and murder (2 Samuel 11)
- tempted by Satan to number the people – a plague results (1 Chronicles 21)
- Amalekite raid - takes away his family and wives and those of his warriors and all possessions; people wanted to stone David (1 Samuel 30)

4. Leadership _____

David began to prepare to build the temple (1 Chronicles 16)

- It was important to carry the calling and vision and Messianic line into the succeeding generations – As there is no success without a successor, Solomon was vital. (In all the ministries at GTCOTR, we emphasize the importance of “raising up runners for the next lap” – the next generation of believers who will carry the gospel to their generation.)

David as a visionary leader

- laid down the plan for the temple as given by the Holy Spirit (1 Chronicles 28:12)
- began to gather resources together to facilitate its building.
- David also upheld Solomon in the eyes of the people and prayed for God's continuing guidance and blessing.
- David was planning and working for something beyond his lifetime.

Answers:

Pg. 4 – example, leadership, serving,

Pg. 5 – Balanced, Salvation, Stewardship, Servant's Heart, Character, Calling

Pg. 6 – Discovered, Development

Pg. 7 – Duress, Destiny