

I Can Wash Your Feet, but Don't Ask Me to Turn Off My Smartphone

There is a worship song we sing that begins with the phrase, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus."

Effective leaders know that goal achievement depends upon a pure attitude of servant leadership—it's all about you.

Leading well is a form of worship. As we honor God with prayer and Bible study, we give an open ear to how the Lord would have us to lead.

I believe the closer I get to God, the better I will lead. It's easier to "die to self" when I remain near the cross. When I drift into being busy and "getting stuff done," I begin to lose the heart of a servant. It doesn't take long to sing a new song:

"It's all about me, yes, it's all about me."

In the midst of those times, it's hard for anyone to tell me I am leading me and no one else. I may be managing others but the servant leader is out for a nap.

When I awake from such a slumber, I want to find the cross. I want to break my serving fast and lead others the way God expects me to lead. I know I'm serving as a leader when:

- 1. I am transparent.** I have nothing to hide.
- 2. I have nothing to prove.** God gives me confidence and removes my insecurities.
- 3. I don't fear man or losing anything.** The Lord is my

provider. I'm free to serve Him.

4. I don't want anything. My needs are met. I want time to be alone with God.

5. I inspire others. It's highly unlikely that I could ever inspire anyone while being self-serving. That type of leadership is accompanied by a distinct odor.

6. I don't need to be right. The truth always appears. Light reveals what is hidden in the dark.

7. I don't have to be heard. My actions tell the best story. Everything I do should point to the cross.

Foot washing is often used as a metaphor for servant leadership. In this day, the act is not so difficult or humbling. It's not a daily occurrence and not as relevant as when Jesus taught it.

Today, there are more humbling and significant ways to serve. What is your modern day equivalent service? For me, it starts with leaving my smart phone on my desk as I serve.

Servant leaders practice their serve.

Today's Scripture

"Let nothing be done out of strife or conceit, but in humility let each esteem the other better than himself. Let each of you look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil 2: 3-4).

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