

Too Busy to Die to Self

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. Before long I'm singing 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 myself 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 hiatus and lead others the way God expects me to lead.

I know I'm serving as a love-driven leader when:

1. I am transparent; I have nothing to hide.
2. I have nothing to prove because God gives me confidence and removes my insecurities.
3. I don't fear man or losing anything because I know the Lord is my provider, and I'm free to serve Him.
4. I don't want anything. My needs are met, and 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. Self-serving leadership is accompanied by a distinct odor.
6. I don't need to be right because I know the truth always appears. Light reveals what is hidden in the dark.
7. I don't have to be heard because my actions tell the best story. I know that everything I do should point to the cross.

The popular worship song "The Heart of Worship" points to Jesus. Leading well is a form of worship.

As we honor God with prayer and Bible study, we open our ears to hear how the Lord would have us lead with love.