

The CORE  
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***The CORE is designed to help you understand what a disciple of Jesus Christ looks like and then learn how to develop those characteristics in your life.***

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**Trust and Team Work**

This week's CORE is the last one in the series on Servant Leadership. We have dealt with several key issues relating to being a servant. The last CORE began looking at the Seven Principles of Servant Leadership as given by Gene Wilkes in his book "*Jesus on Leadership*." As a reminder the first 3 Principles were:

1. Servants humble themselves and wait for God to exalt them.
2. Servants give up personal rights to find greatness in serving others.
3. Servants take up Christ's example of servant hood.

Each of these first three deal with the issue of humility. As we learned in the last CORE (Vol.1No.13) the issue of humility is extremely important for a servant leader. Problems in leadership happen when humility is absent in the life of that leader. The last four principles deal with trust and team work.

As we will see a servant leader has to learn that God can be trusted. As with humility, trust is sometimes very difficult especially when we as human beings cannot see around the immediate circumstance. A servant leader must also recognize that he / she cannot do it all alone. There is a need to work with a team of people who are also called, gifted and eager to serve God.

As you look at these this week my hope is that you will evaluate yourself and seek to line up with what God's word says about being a servant. Again while our topic is *servant leaders*, realize that each of these principles need to be active in all our lives regardless of whether we see ourselves as leaders.

May God grant you wisdom as you study His word. Have a great week!

***Section 1***

Principles of Trust:

1. Servants follow Jesus rather than seek a position.
2. Servants can risk serving because they trust that God is in control.

Read John 13:3

Jesus understood 3 very important things about trust. These allowed / empowered Him to be confident in what He came to be and do. He believed that He could trust God for Power, His Standing and His Future. These can have the same impact on us as we trust God in these areas.

**POWER**

Read Psalm 68:35 - Where does your power come from? Why is it so hard to rely on God's power instead of our own?

Read Acts 1:8 -- The power of God given through the Holy Spirit is the means by which you can be a witness. What happens to your witness when you do it in your own strength? How can you keep yourself from operating out of your own strength?

Read II Cor. 12:9 -- "*Power is made perfect in weakness...*" What does that mean to you?

How does this relate to the issue of humility?

Read Eph. 3:20 - God's power is unlimited, we cannot even begin to imagine it and yet this verse says that "*power...works in you.*" Meditate on that for a minute or two. Write down your thoughts.

Read II Tim. 1:7 -- Describe the kind of spirit God has given to believers.

<<Application Point>> How is that Spirit visible in you?

## **Section 2**

### **STANDING**

Read John 1:12 -- What is the requirement to be a child of God? What does the next verse (13) say about how that came about? How does that affect your perspective on your standing with God?

Read Gal. 3:26-29 -- How does a person become a child of God? Believers are heirs to a promise. What is that promise?

### **FUTURE**

Read John 14:1-4 -- What were the reasons Jesus gave for not being troubled? Does it appear He had any wonderings about what He said? How can knowing this help you to trust God for your future?

Read Hebrews 9:27-29 - There is a judgment in your future. That can be a daunting thought can't it? However the verse says Christ will bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. How are you waiting? Actively, passively or indifferently.

Read I John 4:17 - Thinking of the Hebrews passage and the questions above may have troubled you a bit. How does this verse help give you hope? How can we have confidence in the day of judgment?

## **Section 3**

Principles of Team Work:

1. Servants share responsibility and authority with others to meet a greater need.
2. Servants multiply themselves by empowering others.

Read Eph. 4:11-16 - What does this passage say is the role of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers?

We will see this played out using the acrostic TEAM.

**T** - Togetherness - unity in the faith (13). What is the result(s) of unity found in this verse?

What does it mean to be a mature man with a stature measured by the fullness of Christ?

**E** - Empowerment (14-16). What is the source of power in the life of the church? How does that relate to servant leadership? How can you help someone in this area?

**A** - Accountability (15). Speaking the truth in love for the purpose of growing / building up one another.

We are accountable to God both corporately and personally. Read Joshua 7 for a picture of corporate accountability. Read Acts 5:1-11 for a picture of individual accountability.

**M** - Mentoring (11-16). In a very real sense we are being mentored by Christ through the Holy Spirit and His word. Along with Christ, we have the responsibility to help each other along. Mentoring is coming alongside a person and walking with them. Being a Servant of God is all about helping others grow. If you have a mentor - thank God right now for him / her. IF you are not mentoring someone, ask God to lead you to develop that kind of relationship. It will greatly enhance your life and the life of the other person. May God bless you this day!