

“Greatness:  
Just Live It”

### “Greatness Through Leadership” Core 30

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

*Mark 10:45*

#### A. Greatness in God’s perspective...

*“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45*

1. Biblical leadership is defined differently than cultural leadership.

*“Christian leadership is a process of influencing a community to use their God-given gifts toward a goal and purpose as led by the Holy Spirit.”*  
—Ed Stetzer

2. Biblical leadership is better described as servant leadership.

*“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,” Matthew 20:26*

3. Servant is all about the attitude and the leadership is all about responsibility.

*“If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously.” Romans 12:8b*

#### B. Leaders are called to...

1. Lead.

*“This is a trustworthy saying: ‘If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position.’”*

*1 Timothy 3:1*

2. Model.

*“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.”*

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

3. Pray.

*“But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.”*

*Luke 5:16*

4. Learn.

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Romans 12:2*

5. Love.

*“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8*

#### C. A godly leader...

1. Seeks to glorify God by how he lives.

*“Those who speak for themselves want glory only for themselves, but a person who seeks to honor the one who sent him speaks truth, not lies.” John 7:18*

2. Gains his highest joy by serving others.

*“Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.” Philippians 1:25*

3. Desires for the gospel to be seen in him more than his own self.

*“Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.” 1 Corinthians 9:19*

4. Is not preoccupied with his own personal visibility or recognition but that of Christ first.

*“You yourselves know how plainly I told you, ‘I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for Him.’ It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom’s friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at His success.” John 3:28-29*

5. Anticipates and accepts the time for his decrease as an expression of his humility.

*“He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.” John 3:30*

#### D. A godly leader is a shepherd...

*“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices His life for the sheep.” John 10:11*

1. He leads His sheep.
2. He feeds His sheep.
3. He nurtures His sheep.
4. He comforts His sheep.
5. He corrects His sheep.
6. He protects His sheep.

*“The true leader regards the welfare of others rather than his own comfort and prestige as of primary concern.” Oswald Chambers*

*“Leadership is influence, nothing more nothing less.” -John Maxwell*

*“The only definition of a leader is someone who has followers.”*

*-Peter Drucker*

*“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”*

*-Warren Bennis*

#### E. 10 Tough Questions Leaders Must Ask\*

*“Among leaders who lack insight, abuse abounds, but for one who hates corruption, the future is bright.”*

*Proverbs 28:16 The Message*

*“If you think you know it all, you’re a fool for sure; real survivors learn wisdom from others.”*

*Proverbs 28:26 The Message*

1. Do I realize it is impossible to glorify Christ and myself at the same time? (Lead with humility)
2. Do I lead to win over people or to win souls? (Lead with purpose)
3. Am I doing the things I am asking others to do? (Lead with integrity)
4. Do I pray as if nothing of eternal value will happen in the lives of others unless God does it? (Lead with prayer)
5. Am I touching the hearts of those I lead? (Lead with transformation)
6. What’s it like to be on the other side of me? (Lead with authenticity)
7. Do others experience God’s love through me? (Lead with love)
8. Am I making others better around me? (Lead with serving)
9. Do I seek personal gain through people I lead or serve them like Christ served the church? (Lead with sacrifice)
10. Am I allowing my leadership to produce the fruit of the Spirit in others? (Lead with excellence) \*-Dan Britton

*“But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.” Luke 22:26*

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