

# Introduction to Servant Leadership

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**1<sup>st</sup> Big Idea – Major Bible principles are often in direct opposition to natural and secular thinking.** We find this surprising, but the super-natural does not easily mix with the natural.

Some examples:

- ✓ Leaving the 99 to get the 1.
- ✓ The last will be first.
- ✓ To save your life you must lose it.
- ✓ What God values and what humans value are often contradictory.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Big Idea – Biblical Leadership must be defined by Biblical principles and not by worldly standards.** Worldly business ideas may work and work well, but the church should not be constrained or driven by successful business practices. The church is constrained and driven by Biblical principles and supernatural results (changed lives).



So when can we use worldly business and leadership ideas?



When should we be wary of them or avoid them?

## **Matthew 16:24-25 NKJV**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

## **Romans 12:1-2 NKJV**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

## The “I” Test

Place a tick to the left of the statements in this list that are true, regardless of how strongly so. Do the test quickly without dwelling on any question for very long.

1. I need to be loved by everyone
2. I need to please the people
3. I need not to be discovered for who I really am
4. If only they knew what went on in my mind
5. I need to be the best
6. I need to be seen
7. I need to be heard
8. I need to have attention
9. I need to have the biggest church
10. I need the best income
11. I need to pretend
12. I need to do it all myself
13. I am uncomfortable if someone questions my motives
14. I frequently feel attacked by the people
15. I wish people would take notice of what I say
16. I feel vulnerable
17. I am in pain
18. I must protect myself
19. I must make them see my strengths
20. I must make them see what I know
21. I must be seen to be mature
22. I must be more mature than they are
23. I must know more than they do
24. I must be an expert
25. No one listens to me
26. No one knows who I really am
27. No one cares for me
28. No one understands me
29. No one can help me
30. I am not sure that I am intelligent enough
31. I am not sure that I know enough
32. I am not sure that I believe what I say
33. I am not sure that I say what I believe

**Now add up the number of statements that are true for you and multiply by three for your ‘I’ percentage. The higher your percentage, the greater your feelings of insecurity are likely to be.** For the truly brave: ask a trusted other, spouse, friend, etc., to mark this test from their perspective of ‘you’ and discuss your findings together.

Your “I” Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_