

“The Christian leader: Servant, Steward, Student and Called”  
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Levels of Leadership Training


1. A Servant – one who voluntarily submits to the service of another

a. of Christ – 1 Corinthians 4.1

b. Requires Humility – 1 Corinthians 4.13, John 15.5, Titus 3.2

c. Service for Christ is shown in a willingness to serve others – Mark 9.35, 10.45

d. Failure to serve others is a failure to serve Christ – Matthew 25.45

e. Servant leaders are concerned about development of other servant leaders – Matthew 20.28

- Do people with great gifts for ministry not need to be servants?
- Is servanthood something that we “out-grow” after we are Christians for some time?
- How is servanthood displayed in the Church? By Christians in the world?
- How can servanthood be integrated into our program at KECS?

2. A Steward – one who keeps important things safe

a. We steward the “secret things of God” – 1 Corinthians 4.1

b. A Steward manages himself, his family, and his relationships – 1 Timothy 3.1-13

c. A Steward gives important things to others – 1 Corinthians 9.17

d. We are to steward the Word of God – 2 Timothy 2.15, Acts 20.27,28

- Can someone steward others without managing their own behavior? their family?
- How do we steward the Word of God when others are ignoring or criticizing it?
- How can we do to make us better stewards of Scripture?
- Do we realize that the Bible we steward speaks to all areas of life?
- Do we apply it to all areas of life, or just religious matters?

### 3. A Student – a person who is teachable

#### a. Why some leaders think they do not need to learn?

- Past Success
- “Anointing”
- Bad experiences with previous teachers
- Lack of Discipline
- Not Teachable
- Pride

#### b. What does teachability look like?

- Humility: Levi – Luke 5.27,28
- Love for God, His Word, His people: Barnabas – Acts 4.32-37, 11.22-26, 13.1,2
- Desire to Grow: Peter – John 21.15-19, Acts 10.14,23,34, Galatians 2.11-21, 2 Peter 3.15,16,18
- Open to new ideas, models, ministries: Paul – Romans 7.7-25, Acts 26.13,15-19, 1 Corinthians 3.1-9, Philippians 1.12-18
- Acknowledge that only God knows everything: Apollos – Acts 18.24-28
  
- Are you teachable? What limits your teachability? How can you improve?
- At what point in life do you stop being a student?
- What is the connection between confidence in God and teachability?
- What is the connection between being teachable and being part of a team?

#### 4. The Call

a. from God – Matthew 16.18, Acts 20.28, Romans 11.29

b. affirmed by Church – Acts 13.2-4, Philippians 2.25-30

c. accompanied by gifts – Romans 12.3-8, Ephesians 4.4-13, 1 Peter 4.10,11

d. witnessed by the world – 1 Timothy 3.7, 1 Corinthians 6.1-6

e. blessed by your family – 1 Timothy 5.8, Mark 10.28-31

f. confidence from within – 2 Corinthians 2., 1 Timothy 3.13, 2 Timothy 1.11-15, 4.6-8

Have you experienced any or all of these things yourself? Are you sure? How do you know?

Someone has said, “Visible leadership qualities include: Charisma (giftedness), followers, right attitude, good appearance, administrative ability, a multi-faceted personality, willingness to serve others, and vision.”

Do you agree with this statement? All of it? If not all, which parts? Why and why not?

Do you see these qualities in yourself? Do others recognize them in you?

How important is this idea of call? Can someone be a successful church leader without this?

Which is the most important part of preparation for leadership, Servant, Steward, Servant, or Call? Why?

Which one is least important? Why?