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LEADERSHIP SCHOOL LESSON 2 -DEFINITIONS INTRODUCTION

This Leadership program is a very different type of series. It is firmly set within the context of Scripture and patterned after the greatest Leader to walk the Earth – Jesus Christ our Lord. There will be some crossovers with classic leadership corporate training, and these will be where the world has adopted Kingdom principles or Wisdom from God.

The teachings are aimed at your HEART first. The principles will touch your CORE or Spiritual essence and then spill over into your mental and cognitive faculties. The key aim is allowing your inner life to govern your outer mental and physical life so that you have balance and equilibrium.

Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, "Rivers of living water will flow from his heart"

John 7:38

Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life.

More than anything you guard, protect your mind, for life flows from it.

Above everything else, guard your heart; for it is the source of life's consequences.

Proverbs 4:23

The Christian who is Born Again now has their spirit man made alive in Christ and therefore a root or core has been planted from which divine life flows. This principle is not taught in Leadership schools. Refresh yourself with this truth in lessons 6-8 of Foundation School.

³³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Brood^[] of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. ³⁵ A good man out of the good treasure ^[] of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

Matthew 12:33-35 NKJV

For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. ³⁵ The good man, from his [inner] good treasure, brings out good things; and the evil man, from his [inner] evil treasure, brings out evil things. ³⁶ But I tell you, on the day of judgment people will have to give an accounting for every careless or useless word they speak. ³⁷ For by your words [reflecting your spiritual condition] you will be justified and acquitted of the guilt of sin; and by your words [rejecting Me] you will be condemned and sentenced."

Matthew 12:35-37 AMP



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DEFINITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

The first and instinct reaction of many people to this Leadership series was to assume it was about Church Leadership. This is because the multitudes of Christians have not been empowered by the Church to have ownership and leadership in the House of God.

Synonyms for the word LEADER include the following:

*Chief *Ruler *Captain *Commander *Manager *Conductor *Director *Officer *Controller *Head *Boss *Counsellor *Harbinger *Herald *Lion *Luminary *Pacesetter *Pilot *Pioneer *Precursor *Principal *Shepherd *Forerunner *General *Eminence *Doyen *Chief Exec *Ringleader *Superintendent *Superior

In truth every human being leads at one level or the other. One of the most obvious and basic definitions for leader is: "One Who Leads". This generally means the ability to influence and guide other human beings from one point to another. This can be suggestive, directive, or instructive leadership. In many Business and corporate training programs, you will hear definitions like; Authoritative, Participative, Delegative, Transactive and Transformative Leadership.

Let us now look at Jesus' definition of who a leader is:

¹⁰ Do not let yourselves be called leaders or teachers; for One is your Leader (Teacher), the Christ. ¹¹ But the greatest among you will be your servant.

Matthew 23:10-11

Let us examine these two verses in the full leadership context of what Jesus was talking about at the time:

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, ² saying: "The scribes and Pharisees have seated themselves in Moses' chair [of authority as teachers of the Law]; ³ so practice and observe everything they tell you, but do not do as they do; for they preach [things], but do not practice them. ⁴ The scribes and Pharisees tie up ^[a]heavy loads [that are hard to bear] and place them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger [to make them lighter].

⁵ They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their ^[b] phylacteries (tefillin) wide [to make them more conspicuous] and make their ^[c] tassels long. ⁶ They love the place of distinction and honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues [those on the platform near the scrolls of the Law, facing the congregation], ⁷ and to be greeted [with respect] in the market places and public forums, and to have people call them Rabbi.

⁸ But do not be called Rabbi (Teacher); for One is your Teacher, and you are all [equally] brothers. ⁹ Do not call anyone on earth [who guides you spiritually] your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ Do not let yourselves be called leaders or teachers; for One is your Leader (Teacher), the Christ. ¹¹ But the greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and



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whoever humbles himself shall be raised to honour.

Matthew 23:1-12.

Synonyms for the word SERVANT include:

*Domestic *Assistant *Minion *Attendant *Helper *Slave *Dependant *Serf *Retainer

*Server *Cleaning Person *Waitress

The contrast between the world's system and the Kingdom principle of Leadership is very clear. Whilst the style of headship of one is 'top down', the other is 'bottom up'.

²⁴ Now a dispute also arose among them as to which of them was regarded to be the greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles have absolute power and lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' ²⁶ But it is not to be this way with you; on the contrary, the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest [and least privileged], and the [one who is the] leader, like the servant. ²⁷ For who is the greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:24-27

²⁶ It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your [willing and humble] slave; ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many [paying the price to set them free from the penalty of sin]."

Matthew 20:22-28

¹² So when He had washed their feet and put on His [outer] robe and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done for you? ¹³ You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is who I am. ¹⁴ So if I, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet as well. ¹⁵ For I gave you [this as] an example, so that you should do [in turn] as I did to you. ¹⁶ I assure you and most solemnly say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed [happy and favoured by God] if you put them into practice [and faithfully do them].
John13:12-17

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Spend a whole week just talking with Jesus about this matter. Share your heart with Him where you struggle and where you think you are doing well. Hear what He says to your heart.