

Servant Leadership

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LESSON 3

Servant Leadership

is a **non-traditional leadership philosophy**, embedded in a set of behaviors and practices that place a primary emphasis on the well-being of those being served. The servant-leader shares power, puts the needs of others first and helps people develop and perform as highly as possible.

- Greenleaf For Servant Leadership
- <https://www.greenleaf.org/what-is-servant-leadership/>

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The Inspiration of Daniel

Daniel 1:3 And the king spake unto **Ashpenaz** the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

Hebrew – Ashpenaz = “I will make prominent the sprinkled”

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The King desired:

- 1) No Blemish
- 2) Well-Favoured
- 3) Skillful in Wisdom
- 4) Cunning in knowledge
- 5) Understanding Science
- 6) Ability in them to STAND in king's palace

Daniel 1:4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

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- [Hebrews 12:22](#) But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
- [23](#) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

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- Spiritual Leadership
Inspires and Challenges
- Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

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- **James 5:10** Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
- **11** Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

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Daniel 1:5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.



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- The saints of God are not of the world. We are a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people.
- While we can learn from our careers and education, we must not allow our hearts to be filled with the world.
- The kings' meat represents "the things that are in the world". Notice the liberal schools are educating with a Godless base and attempting to destroy purity.



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- By refusing the King's meat, the children were fairer and FATTER than all of the other children.
- [Dan 1:17](#) As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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- [Dan 1:20](#) And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king enquired of them, **he found them ten times better** than all the magicians *and* astrologers that were in all his realm.

Our fasting and consecration to God fulfills the purpose of separation from the world but ALSO prepares our souls to be used in Spiritual Gifts and when our minds and hearts are open to God, we can focus and EXCEL at a level that is only possible when walking in the Holy Ghost.



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- **Listening**
- Wife: (Screaming) You haven't listened to a word I have said unto you!
- Husband: Honey, that is a such a weird way to start a conversation?

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- **Listening**
- **Proverbs 20:5** Counsel in the heart of man *is like* deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out.⁶ Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: But a faithful man who can find?

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- **Listening**

Listening is what matures us both in listening to authority (God) and to our subordinates (those who we serve)

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.



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- James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath**: 20 for the **wrath of man** worketh not the righteousness of God.
- Listening along with patient response will produce the best counsel

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- Feel after the Holy Ghost in your Bible Study / SS Classes
- When teaching student(s) we should consider a time for us to hear them. (Especially new convert) – give them time to respond to us. Encourage questions and don't be swift to an answer, feel their infirmities and “wear their shoes”.
- We will be much more effective if we listen



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- Sometimes a Bible Study may turn into a listening session. If you discussed a verse and had prayer, don't see letting them talk as a waste of time.
- We have seen that if a soul is struggling and we let them speak their heart, we will earn their trust. This will open the ground of their heart to receive seed.



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- Listen to your spouse! When taking time with each other focus on listening!
- In the family room, at dinner, on vacations LISTEN to our children!!!! It is critical to know what is going on in our children's hearts, take time and work on being close enough to where you listen to them, let them feel they can bear their heart to us and that it is important to us!



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Not listening is foolish and selfish

- [Proverbs 18:2](#) A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

AMPLIFIED:

- [Proverbs 18:2](#) A [*closed-minded*] fool does not delight in understanding, But only in revealing his personal opinions [*unwittingly displaying his self-indulgence and his stupidity*].



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It is dangerous to give an answer before hearing

- [Proverbs 18:3](#) When the wicked cometh, *then* cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

AMPLIFIED:

- [Proverbs 18:3](#) When the wicked man comes [*to the depth of evil*], contempt [*of all that is pure and good*] also comes, And with inner baseness (dishonor) comes outer shame (scorn).



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- Listening as taught by Jesus:
- John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.
- Matthew 23:24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.
- Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

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