

Roles in the Church

LESSON 1: SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Introduction

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

WHAT ARE ROLES?

role *noun* \ˈrōl\
: the character played by an actor

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: a part that someone or something has in a particular activity or situation

: the part that someone has in a family, society, or other group

MY PART in the body of Christ

Principles

1. Servant Leadership
2. Stewardship
3. Members in the Body

Formal Leadership

4. Qualifications of Elders
5. Work of Elders
6. Deacons
7. Preachers

Informal Leadership

8. Understanding Restrictions on Women
9. Invaluable Role of Women
10. Gift of Being Single
11. Gifts of Youth and Age

What About Me?

12. Discovering My Talents
13. Setting Goals

Lesson 1: Servant Leadership

Q: What do you call a Christian who isn't serving?

A Contradiction

Luke 22:24-27 NKJV

²⁴ Now there was dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest.

²⁵ And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’

²⁶ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

When Did the Disciples Have This Argument?

Luke 22:24-27

- **The Last Supper** (Luke 22:14-15)

Matthew 20:20-24

- **Going up to Jerusalem to be crucified** (Matt 20:18)

Mark 9:33-37

- **In Capernaum after transfiguration** (Mark 9:2,33)

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Thayer's Greek Lexicon

εὐεργέτης, -ου, ὁ, a benefactor (fr. Pind. and Hdt. down); it was also a title of honor, conferred on such as had done their country service, and upon princes; equiv. to *Soter, Pater Patriae*: Lk. xxii. 25. (Cf. Hdt. 8, 85; Thuc. 1, 129; Xen. vect 3, 11; Hell. 6, 1, 4; Plat. de virt. p. 379 b.; al.; cf. 2 Macc. iv. 2; joined with *σωτήρ*, Joseph. b. j. 3, 9, 8; Addit. to Esth. vi. 12 [Tdf. viii. l. 25]; Diod. 11, 26.)*

What Kind of Leadership did Jesus...

I am among you **as the one who serves** (Luke 22:27)

Can you **drink the cup I'm going to drink?** (Matt 20:22)

Put a child in their midst and **took the child in his arms** (Mk 9:36)

He began to **wash the disciples feet** (John 13:5,14-15)

Model

What Kind of Leadership did Jesus...

Be the **youngest** the one that **serves** (Luke 22:26)

Can you drink the cup I'm going to drink? (Matt 20:22)

Be the **last**, the **servant of all** (Mk 9:35)

You **ought to wash one another's feet** (John 13:14-15)

A **servant is not greater than his master** (John 13:16)

If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them** (John 13:17)

Teach

Contrast Leading By

EXAMPLE

AUTHORITY

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Good Leader(s): Nehemiah

Almost 100 years since the first captives returned

- Yet wall is still in ruins

Nehemiah hears the word and returns

- Rebuilds the wall in 52 days

WHO WOULD YOU EXPECT TO HELP REBUILD IT?

Observations From Nehemiah 3

People who helped:

- The high priest (1)
- From Jericho (2)
- Perfumers (8)
- Governor/Ruler/Leader (9,12,14,15,16,17,18,19)
- Daughters of nobility (12)
- Priests (28)
- Goldsmiths & merchants (32)

People who didn't help:

- Tekoite Nobles (5)

What affect might this have had?

How Does This Principle Apply to the Church?

No one is too good

Teamwork makes the dream work

What are things need to be done?

Next Week

LESSON 2: STEWARDSHIP