

Servant Leaders – Developing People

Matthew 20:26-28 states: ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” *Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV)*

I Develop People to Become Willing Workers

Thus, servant leaders should develop people to be **willing** and **prepared** to serve others just like Jesus. We must be willing to toil, sweat, grind, work our fingers to the bone, work excessively hard, according to Merriam Webster, who defines the word “slave” in this manner.

II Develop People to Deny Themselves

³⁴Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. *Mark 8:34 (NIV)*

²³Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. *Luke 9:23 (NLT)*

Servant leaders must illustrate the importance of denying oneself to serve others. We must **examine** daily, our walk with Jesus. Asking ourselves is the walk and talk aligned with Jesus’ word. We know that Jesus died upon the cross to provide eternal life free from worldly sins. We must start with a scrutiny of self, and have we given up our **sinful** ways completely, before we develop people to do the same.

III Develop People to Be Stable

⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

A servant leader must help others to see the importance of being **stable** in all their ways.

As we continue this journey, maturing in Christ Jesus, we learn to share and to teach others to be willing workers, to deny themselves, to remain stable and to stay focused on the will of God.

IV Develop People to Provide Hope

So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!
Psalms 31:24 (NLT)

As servant leaders, we must be sincere illustrating and sharing the same love, the same **hope**, the same strength that Jesus showed us by example throughout the Bible.

V Develop People to be Confident Through the Holy Spirit

¹³I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 15:13 (NLT)*

We received unmeasurable power when we each received the Holy Spirit. As a result, we can do exceedingly abundantly beyond what we can grasp or imagine, because Jesus empowers us to do His will on earth.

VI Develop People to Trust in God and His Word

Then I can answer those who taunt me, for I trust in your word. *Psalms 119:42 (NLT)*

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety.
Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

Develop people to trust in His **Word** and trust in the **Lord** for safety.

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