



Jesus is the greatest leader in world history. No human being has had more followers than Jesus. No one has had a greater influence on the world for good than Jesus. No one has been honored more than Jesus.

We are all leaders. If you want to become a successful leader, you need to learn from the greatest leader in world history.

What was it about Jesus that made Him the greatest leader of all time?

Matt 20:20-28

20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?"

She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They said to Him, "We are able."

23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

24 And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave —

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

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To become the kind of leader that God desires we must have the right motive for leading. As fallen human beings, we are born selfish. We want others to serve us. As children, we are very naïve about our selfish motives. If we are raised by parents that always tell us how great and good, we are or they do not tell us the truth about our fallen nature, we can grow up without any awareness of our selfish motives. One of the best things a mother can do for her children is to teach her children the truth about themselves.

The circumstances of life have a way of exposing our selfish nature. As we interact with people in our family, go to school, develop friendships, and participate in group activities, our fallen nature will be exposed on a regular basis. Our feelings get hurt on a regular basis because we are not being served the way we want to be served. We can become angry because life is not fair. When we don't receive what we think we deserve, we react.

Unfortunately, as fallen human beings we can still be blinded to our fallen nature as adults and enter the adult world. We can get a job or get married or have children without knowing our own fallen nature. This leads to incredible pain for us and our families.

If we become leaders in business, politics, or even religion without an awareness of our fallen nature, we use our power, resources, and knowledge to satisfy our selfish desires and ambitions. This creates even more pain for our self and others. Unfortunately, many people live their whole life without becoming aware of their fallen nature.

The best way to learn about your fallen nature is learn about Jesus. If we compare ourselves with others, we can always find someone that is worse than us and conclude we are not that bad. If we compare ourselves with Jesus, our fallen nature and our selfish motives will be fully exposed.

Jesus was a servant leader.

Jesus was God. He had unlimited power. He had unlimited resources. He had unlimited knowledge.

Instead of using His power, resources, and knowledge to serve Himself, He used these things to serve others.

He emptied Himself to make others successful. He sacrificed Himself to serve the needs of others.



- When the sacrifice that was needed was becoming a human being, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was serving his parents, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was walking hundreds of miles to teach and heal others, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was hanging out with sinners, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was sharing life with 12 very difficult guys, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was being rejected by His own family and nation, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was washing His disciples' feet, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was to atone for the guilt and shame of others, Jesus did it.
- When the sacrifice that was needed was suffering physical abuse for the sins of the world, Jesus did it.

Jesus was the greatest leader who ever lived because He was the greatest servant who ever lived. No one gave up more to serve others than Jesus.

Phil 2:1-11

1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Jesus was a servant leader. He did not have a fallen nature.

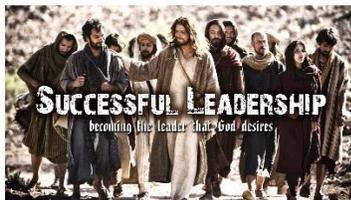
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What kind of leader are you? Are you like Jesus?

You can always tell what kind of leader you are by the people you are following!

How do you become a servant leader like Jesus?

- **Salvation**
Experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ
- **Surrender**
Surrender your purpose in life for His purpose for your life
- **Surround**
Surround yourself with people whose purpose is to follow Jesus



Spiritual growth is a process. If you are saved, if you surrender your life to God's purpose, and if surround yourself with people that are following Jesus, you will become a servant leader like Jesus.

You will grow up into the mature man that God wants you to be.