The Servant Leader

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## 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-12, 17; Luke 22:24-27; John 13:2-11 (ESV)

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**4**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5**and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; **6**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.**7**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**11**All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**12**For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**17**If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

1. **Servant leadership’s hindrance: Self-centeredness—resulting in disputes.**

# Luke 22:24-27 (ESV)

**24**A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. **25**And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. **26**But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.**27**For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves

1. **Servant leadership’s indicator: Humility—does whatever is needed, no matter the position.**

# John 13:2-5, 12-14 (ESV)

**2**During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, **3**Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, **4**rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. **5**Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him

**12**When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? **13**You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. **14**If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

1. **Servant leadership’s result: Christlikeness—God has your back, He will bless you in this life and the one to come.**

# John 13:15-17(ESV)

**15**For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **16**Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.**17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.