

## The Leader's Attitude Toward Others

No man who is self-serving, proud, lazy, or hypocritical should have followers.

**Jesus**

**Others second**

**Yourself last**

**Two crucial inner characteristics that will most enhance the leader's relationships with those who follow. (Bold items are on the final)**

### I. A Servant's Heart

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Luke 22:27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Matthew 20:25-28 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Bible teaches that the way up is down. Matthew 23:11-12 The greatest among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

### II. Sensitive Spirit

A common falling- Leaders evaluate their own capacities and expect everybody else to keep up with them. The leader must be sensitive to the needs of the people and compassionate in his dealing with others. Above all else: get to know them as individuals.

1 Thessalonians 5:14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

A. The unruly: he likely will run, quit, throw in the towel. This is the reaction of an immature person. Answer: Needs to be warned and helped. Must stick with him. It requires an overload of earnest prayer and patience.

B. The feeble-minded: fainthearted and timid

Answer: Needs to be comforted; be led to a place where they are able to take a step of faith, and to hear testimonies of others who have been over the road and found the Lord to be faithful. In overcoming sin, witnessing, worshipping, and giving sacrificially.

C. The weak: Plagued by besetting sins.

Answer: He needs to be helped by:

1. Special, personal, individual attention

2. Giving them the opportunity to talk over their weaknesses with someone they trust to keep a confidence.

It is a frightening thing to hear a story you shared with your leader re-told to the whole group, even though the names have been changed to protect them.