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“We need to understand who Jesus is because he is the ultimate example of leadership. If we want to understand leadership better, we need to know him better.”

REACT

God is holy, and he calls you to be holy.

That can seem like an impossible goal, but God knows you intimately and still calls you to be holy.

If God calls you to be holy, then he will also provide you with the strength, wisdom, and steps you need to take to attain it.

The definition of holy is “other,” “different,” or “set apart.” Everything about God is different from what the world displays. If the life and leadership you are called to as a follower of Jesus is to reflect his holiness, it must be different than the life or leadership of the world.

REFLECT

Jesus uses the analogy of a shepherd to describe kingdom leadership.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. . . I know my own sheep, and they know me.”

—John 10:11,14

The path to being an effective servant leader is not just studying principles and strategies. It is through being in a vibrant relationship with God and his people that you will become “different” and “set apart.” The path of holiness is only walked in fellowship with God.





THINK ABOUT HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE. DO YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS CAUSE PEOPLE TO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GOD?

RESPOND

How can you lead by example? It was only after the disciples saw Jesus perform miracles that Jesus sent them out to heal the sick and cast out demons themselves.

“Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!”
–Matthew 10:7-8

Are you serving those you lead? Following Jesus closely in pursuit of holiness allows you to lead others towards holiness as well.

“Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.” -John 13:5

How can your leadership style be motivated in love? It was Jesus’ love for you that inspired him to humble himself and become a man.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” -John 3:16

Additionally, what gifts of character does God have for you as you embrace suffering for the sake of a greater cause? How can you rely more fully on the leading of the Spirit?

REVIEW

- God calls and empowers us to be holy.
- Jesus’ leadership contrasts with the leadership strategies of the world.
- Growing closer to Jesus empowers us to be the leaders he intended.



MEMORIZE

“AND YOU SHOULD IMITATE ME, JUST AS I IMITATE CHRIST.”
–1 CORINTHIANS 11:1

ACTION STEPS

- Read Psalm 23 and note three ways a shepherd provides for the sheep.
- Take a moment every day for a week to review how Jesus displayed godly leadership.
- Ask a trusted friend or spiritual counselor to pray with you to experience maturity in holiness.