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The rewards for Servant Leadership will be abundance in every aspect of your life.

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We see them everywhere. We love some and hate others. Most of them are abundantly wealthy. Some do for others and some do only for themselves. Many people seem to almost worship them. Who are they? How are they different from the rest of us? What makes us love and hate them so much? You can't miss their faces regardless of where you are; in the grocery checkout lines, on the silver screen, on television and tabloid shows.

They are Celebrities. Movies stars, TV Stars, Stars of Stage and Screen, Actors, Actresses, Sports Superstars, NASCAR drivers, Baseball, Football, Soccer, Hockey, Track and Field. Are they really different from the rest of us? Some say yes, some say no. They certainly have achieved a great deal in their lives at least in measure of belongings and possessions. Many have become role models and heroes. Others are villains and Icons of outcasts. So why the fascination and what drives the love and hate?

In a world where there is such disparity between wealth and poverty, abundance and lack, a reality has developed.

I have often said, "Your experiences create your beliefs, your beliefs create your perceptions; and your perceptions create your realities."

But what if your experiences are bad?

Then your beliefs are all messed up, as are your perceptions and your realities, are then only fantasies. Things that make you go *hmmmmm*.

Well I am not here to do a Tabloid article on Celebrities however, since they are in the news so much, I believe that this may be the best place to talk about Servant Leadership. What you say? What do Celebrities have to do with Servant Leadership? Well, can we explore that?

Typically when I share the concept of Servant Leadership with people they immediately start thinking of the Bible and Scripture. Personally, I believe that is the foundation of it all (certainly it is my foundation) however, a person does not have to be religious per sé to exhibit servant leadership. Let's look at our celebrities. Think for a few moments of some Celebrities you may know or be familiar with.

What are your thoughts? Do you have pleasant thoughts about them? Do you feel like they are a good at heart or are they out to impress the world? Is their mission to do things for their own benefit or to benefit others? Do they have strong moral values or would you prefer a buffer zone between them and your children?

If you are anything like me, you probably thought of people on “both sides of the fence” so to speak. So ask yourself, “Which ones am I drawn too?” This is not about what they look like, or how cool they were in their most recent flick, or if they scored the winning goal or point in the last second of the game. What I am talking about is their Heart Virtue. Do they align with yours? A what you ask? Heart Virtues. Allow me to share what they are and how I found mine.

A Heart Virtue is something deep inside that drives you. More than a Core Value, or Belief, Heart Virtues are something that if

honored or violated, will bring powerful emotions to the surface.

I found my Heart Virtues working with a personal Coach. (I believe everyone serious about life and the journey should have one, a personal coach that is). What I learned is that my heart virtues were there all along. I just did not know what to call them, how to identify them or how to honor them in my life. Now I do. God, Family and Integrity.

What I have found is that I resonate with other people that share these same Heart Virtues.

Think about the actions of some celebrity, some person from history, recent or hundreds of years ago. Is there something in what they did for others that you seem to resonate with? This could be a clue to finding your Heart Virtues. I share this as it will not only guide you into finding your Mission, Vision and Purpose in life, it can also guide you into true Servant Leadership.

Who are some figures from history that are known for or exhibit some kind of Servant Leadership? How about Jimmy Carter and his passion for Habitat for Humanity. How about Princess Diana? Royalty and humility, reaching out to help the battered and abused of the world. Brad and Angelina have brought adoption back to mainstream awareness. How about Florence Nightingale? A wealthy British woman who took her stature and position to care for the poor and indigent. How about Mother Theresa. All of them were about Servant Leadership.

You see Servant Leadership is all about putting others first.

It's about making a difference in someone else's life. Making a difference in the world. Servant Leadership is not about being meek and mild. It is not about living life so small that we contribute nothing to the grand scheme. Notably the greatest Servant Leader was Jesus Christ. Nothing meek and mild here. Oh, of course He was kind and caring, loved children, the poor and indigent but, He was also known to tell it like it was.

He turned over a few tables and put His foot down more than once. And He gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Some say this is difficult to do. No doubt. Life is difficult. However, if you learn what your true values are, learn your heart virtues and align your life with those; the reward will be greater than anything you can imagine.

The foundation of this industry we call Network Marketing is about serving others. At its core it is the most Biblical based business model I have ever seen. How can you advance in a good company except by supporting, training, teaching, and educating others? Sharing what works in your business, how to maximize the plan, how to find good people, how to guide them to getting what they want out of life is the greatest way to leaving a legacy behind. Something for your family, your children, and your children's children.

So where are you in all of this? Are you a Servant Leader? Are you willing to do what it takes to be one? I am not asking you to be a martyr; I am not asking you to do more than you can do.

I am asking you to do all that you can.

Are you a believer? I am not asking you to be a believer but if you are, you are called to be a servant leader. I love something Jim Rohn says, "If you are a believer then you must study, practice and teach." Study Servant Leadership, practice it and teach it. In the process you will find that you will be able to do more for more people.

The road which you travel will be challenging. There will be naysayers along the path shouting no one cares who you are or what you think you can do. There will be those who will want you to conform to old school thinking, to using people and loving money instead of the opposite. Walk on, walk on.

Be like the young boy who was found on a lonely stretch of beach that was covered in thousands of starfish dying in the sun. An older man approached the young boy, who was throwing with all his strength starfish back into the sea, he said to the young boy, 'You are wasting your time doing that. There are too many starfish for you to make a difference.' As

the young boy reached down and threw another starfish back to safety he smiled and said, 'I made a difference to that one.'

Who can you make a difference for?

The road may be difficult, the challenges great but two things I will assure you of. First, if you ask for God's help, he will be there. Second, the rewards for Servant Leadership will be abundance in every aspect of your life. The legacy you leave behind will be remembered for many, many years to come. You may even become a celebrity to someone. The choice is yours. You can be a role model, a hero or a villain and an outcast.

Study, practice and teach.

God Bless
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