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Do you love what you do? Do you love people? If you love what you do, it isn't work. Before you can lead people, you must first love them. Being a good leader doesn't come naturally to some. Being a good leader starts with the heart, not the head.

I have known some "leaders" who have been, well, not gentle, not loving, sort of harsh in their speech and actions towards others. Sadly, they don't necessarily see that in themselves, because, if they did, they would show more, compassion and be more caring. They are, however, expectant of people to just react to what they say, and then do it. They are completely unaware as to the fact that their actions and attitude immediately turn people off; they push people away from them as a leader, rather than draw them in. People don't see them as a leader but, rather, they are seen as an authoritarian. No matter how hard they try, it is apparent that they are not looking at people from a servant's heart.

If you are not gentle, loving, caring, or serving; people will move away from you not with you.

If you want to be known as a good leader, you must serve lovingly and compassionately.

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He truly was a servant, a leader. He took his disciples and mentored them into becoming servant leaders. No matter where you stand, you cannot help but believe the greatest act of service is giving of one's own life as he did. Additionally, in our country as well as in others, the Armed forces, police men and women, firefighters, nurses, doctors… the list goes on, all people willing to serve tirelessly, sacrificially, and some knowing what they are doing could unexpectedly take them from this earth and from their loved ones. My son is a counselor, and, I can assure you, he is not doing it for it's income potential, he is doing it because he loves people and cares to help those who are hurting. In college he scored unusually high in a career test showing leadership abilities; now, he is serving. Servant Leadership…

Being a leader may involve people following your example, but in some of the cases I listed, it also involves people looking up to them, respecting them and appreciating their service. Being a leader, involves first and foremost, a willingness to serve, a sincere and genuine love for people. To be a good leader, one must have a humble spirit and attitude. Are you a servant? Are you humble, as Jesus was? Just food for thought… love, serves, and then leads.

So, in application to what we are all doing in our businesses; our desire should first and foremost be, to help others achieve what they are trying to achieve. That's why we hear of the term "delayed gratification". As far as the financial aspect of what we are doing, we first serve; we grow into a leadership role, and then, finally, our income catches up with us. But if we are loving people and caring about them first, we are gratified, so it really isn't delayed after all, is it? Only the financial aspect is delayed, not the gratifying part.

If you are going to be a good leader, while you serve, you will also develop a number other of good qualities, which include listening to, inspiring, supporting, and, building up people while you work patiently with your team. In your serving, you should be building relationships, not only between yourself and others, but also, at the same time,

encourage relationships between individual team members. Getting your team together, working together, growing together is how you can best serve in your leadership role. As you do this, you will be serving in a way to grow up other servant leaders because they will see your example. Lead by example, be someone who inspires others.

Keep growing!

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