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The Greatest Leader Who Ever Lives ***By Dr. David Robinson, Founder***

I'm often asked about the improper grammar used in my title, "The Greatest Leader Who Ever Lives," should be "...ever lived," past tense. I quickly respond the greatest leader who ever lived is still alive!

Leadership should be everyone's business. Leadership is not about being elected or appointed to a position, nor a place on some organizational flow chart. It's about an attitude of servant hood and a sense of responsibility for making a difference every day wherever God has assigned you.

If you lead in no other way, you're either leading people closer to Christ or further away by the life you live and the example you set in every area of your life.

Jesus was the greatest leader and developer of people. He trained twelve human beings who went on to influence a world in such a dramatic fashion that time itself is now recorded as B.C. or A.D.

He worked with a staff that was totally human - not divine. They were selected from trees, back alleys and along river banks. Some were educated and some were illiterate. Some had questionable backgrounds, divisive moments, and times of cowardice. In spite of all this, he trained them and sent them out. They did it for one reason -- so they could be with Him again.

Jesus, as a leader, was strong in at least three areas:

First, He mastered Himself. He knew who He was. He didn't look back from the cross and say, "Wow...I must be the Son of God." In John 10:36, He declared Himself to be the Son of God. He regularly visualized the success of His life and efforts.

You will never master your life or situation until you have mastered yourself. You will never master yourself until you master your tongue. Your words define your future. Jesus was always speaking powerful, loving and confident words about Himself. You will never build people and lead them to victory by tearing yourself down.

Second, Jesus mastered his actions. He said, "I came to do the will of my Father." He took action. Leaders have a bias for action. He had a plan. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, He accomplished all he was sent to do. Too many "leaders" want the help of others and pray fervently for God's help but have no plan. He formed a team. He had the power, authority, and ability to do it alone but instead, chose a team. Someone once said, "Whoever forms a team to carry out the best idea wins."



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Third, He mastered His relationships. No matter where you provide leadership, you soon discover how critical relational equity is to success. In Mark 10:21 it says, "And Jesus beheld the man and looking at him, loved him." "Beheld" means, "to be fully centered, hold or embrace at that moment." How you view people is more important than how you use people.

He gave them a vision larger than themselves and one that would outlast their lifetime. Too many leaders have not figured out how to inspire their followers because the vision is not clear to the entire team, or they have lost the passion to declare it frequently, consistently, and with confidence.

He empowered people. Servant leaders constantly ask, "What can I do for you?" Experienced leaders learn that the more you empower those who serve you, the more they want to do for you and will be faithful longer.

Jesus was the consummate leader because He mastered Himself, His actions and His relationships. Results? He fulfilled His purpose and was able to say, "It is finished." May those you serve follow your leadership with the same passion as they followed Him!