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# Upside Down Leadership

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## **John 13:4-9**

**So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.**

**<sup>6</sup> When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"**

**<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."**

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## **John 13:4-9**

**8 “No,” Peter protested, “you will never ever wash my feet!”**

**Jesus replied, “Unless I wash you, you won’t belong to me.”**

**9 Simon Peter exclaimed, “Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!”**

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## **Luke 22:24-27**

**Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. <sup>25</sup> Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. <sup>27</sup> Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.**

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# The World's System



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**“When it becomes obvious that profit, which is a legitimate goal, is the driving reason for being in business, everyone-stockholders, top managers, employees, customers, suppliers, and the community-quickly becomes self-serving. They focus on their own agenda and personal enrichment. Employee loyalty and passion often go out the window as the point of work becomes simply to get as much as you can for as little effort as possible.” Ken Blanchard**

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**“My travels over the years through organizations of all shapes and sizes have convinced me of two things: Effective leadership starts on the inside, and the right kind of leadership is servant leadership. This is a leadership not based on false pride or fear, but one that’s grounded in humility and focused on the greater good. With the right kind of leadership, leading at a higher level can become a reality.” Ken Blanchard**

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# The Upside Down Church



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## **Matthew 20:25-28**

**But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."**

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**A servant was a hired worker who maintained the master's household, and a slave was a person that was forced into service.**

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**He came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many.**

**The head of the Church demonstrates his leadership ability by serving and tells us to do the same!**

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**1 Timothy 5:17.**

**Elders who do their work well should be respected and paid well, especially those who work hard at both preaching and teaching.**

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## **Titus 1:7-11**

**A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.**

**<sup>8</sup> Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. <sup>9</sup> He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will**

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## **Titus 1:7-11**

**be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.**

**<sup>10</sup> For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. <sup>11</sup> They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money.**

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# Upside down leadership! Leadership of service!

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## Hebrews 5:11-14

**There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen. <sup>12</sup> You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food. <sup>13</sup> For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. <sup>14</sup> Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.**



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**As the body of Christ, we are to grow.**

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## 1 John 2:12-14

**I am writing to you who are God's children because your sins have been forgiven through Jesus. <sup>13</sup> I am writing to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one. <sup>14</sup> I have written to you who are God's children because you know the Father. I have written to you who are mature in the faith because you know Christ, who existed from the beginning. I have written to you who are young in the faith because you are strong. God's word lives in your hearts, and you have won your battle with the evil one.**

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## **Philippians 2:1-13**

**Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? <sup>2</sup> Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.**

**<sup>3</sup> Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.**

**<sup>5</sup> You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.**

## **Philippians 2:1-13**

**6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.**

**7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave**

**and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,**

**8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.**

**9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,**

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## Philippians 2:1-13

**<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

**<sup>11</sup> and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

**<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. <sup>13</sup> For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.**

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## **Mark 9:33:35**

**After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” 34 But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”**

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