Leading by Serving: Building Effective Leadership Skills
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At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe what leadership is;
- Describe what Servant Leadership is;
- Discuss how Love and Servant Leadership are connected; and
- Discuss conflict and how to appropriately respond.
Leadership

The power or ability to lead other people.

Merriam-Webster, 2016.

Power
Ability
Lead
People
Influence

- Influence comes from:
  - Character
  - Knowledge
  - Experience
  - Past Success
  - Ability

- Abraham Lincoln – Black Hawk War

- Trust
  - Built by: Competence, Connection, and Character
  - The onus is not on them to trust, it’s on you to earn it
The power or ABILITY to lead other people.

- **Natural Ability**
  - When leaders recognize leadership in others, they tend to follow the strongest leader.

- **Developing Ability**
  - Adaptability / Flexibility
  - Accepting Uncertainty
  - Relationship Skills
  - Setting Priorities
Leadership Ability
The power or ability to *LEAD* other people.

- **Opinion Research Council**
  - Leading by Example 26%
  - Strong Ethics 19%
  - Business Knowledge 17%
  - Fairness 14%
  - Intelligence and Competence 13%
  - Sharing Recognition 10%
The power or ability to *LEAD* other people.

- Empathy
- Managing Information
  - 25-25-50 Rule
- Motivation
  - The intensity of a person’s desire to engage in an activity.
- Problem Solving
  - Anticipate problems
  - Accept the truth
  - Handle one problem at a time
- Team Building
The power or ability to lead other *PEOPLE*.

- Adding To or Subtracting From Others
- Empowering Others
  - Barriers
    - Desire for Job Security
    - Resistance to Change
    - Lack of Self-Worth
- Surround Yourself with a Team
Leadership

- Who is the greatest leader ever?
- What were their traits?
- Jesus Christ
  - Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10: 42-45
Servant Leadership

- The business of identifying and meeting the legitimate needs of people entrusted to your care.
  - Identify
  - Legitimate needs
  - People
  - Entrusted
Maslow’s Heirarchy of Needs

- **Physiological needs**: breathing, food, water, shelter, clothing, sleep
- **Safety and security**: health, employment, property, family and social stability
- **Love and belonging**: friendship, family, intimacy, sense of connection
- **Self-esteem**: confidence, achievement, respect of others, the need to be a unique individual
- **Self-actualization**: morality, creativity, spontaneity, acceptance, experience purpose, meaning and inner potential
Servant Leadership model

- CEOs
- Vice Presidents
- Middle Managers
- Supervisors
- Employees
- Customers
Servant Leadership
Love

- Vince Lombardi
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- Love is a Verb
  - Patience  Kindness
  - Humility  Respectfulness
  - Selflessness  Forgiveness
  - Honesty  Commitment
- Mark 12:31 “Love your neighbor as yourself”
## Love and Leadership

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Healthy Environment

- Influence is like a garden
- Relational checking account
  - Publicly praise / privately punish
- By the numbers
  - 4:1
  - 85%
  - 100%
  - 25%
  - 60%
Choices

- We only HAVE to die and ...
- We all have to make choices about our behavior and accept the responsibility of the outcomes.
- Choices may be unnatural until it becomes habit.
- Stages of developing a new habit:
  - Stage 1: Unconscious and Unskilled
  - Stage 2: Conscious and Unskilled
  - Stage 3: Conscious and Skilled
  - Stage 4: Unconscious and Skilled
Preparing for Change

- Predetermine a course of action
- Lay out your goals
- Adjust your priorities
- Notify key personnel
- Allow time for acceptance
- Head into action
- Expect problems
- Always point to the successes
- Daily review your plan
Conflict

- All great relationships, the ones that last over time, require productive conflict in order to grow. This is true in marriage, parenthood, friendship, and certainly business.
- Important to distinguish productive ideological conflict from destructive fighting and interpersonal politics.
Conflict is Built on Trust

TRUST
one another

ENGAGE
in unfiltered conflict around ideas

COMMIT
to decisions and plans of action

HOLD
• one another accountable for delivering against those plans

FOCUS
• on the achievements of collective results
• The confidence among team members that their peers’ intentions are good, and that there is no reason to be protective or careful around the group.
• Teammates must be comfortable being vulnerable with one another.
  ▪ These include: Weaknesses, skill deficiencies, interpersonal shortcomings, mistakes and requests for help
• Teams that lack trust:
  ▪ Conceal their weaknesses and mistakes from one another
  ▪ Are reluctant to take risks in asking for or offering assistance
  ▪ Jump to conclusions about the intentions and aptitudes of others without attempting to clarify them
Teams that avoid ideological conflict often do so to avoid hurting team members’ feelings, and then end up encouraging dangerous tension. When team members do not openly debate and disagree about important ideas, they often turn to back-channel personal attacks, which are far nastier and more harmful than any heated argument over issues.

The Five Dysfunctions of a Team
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Potential Pitfalls

- If you make a mistake, fess up
- Deal with small problems before they become big
- Don’t let one person derail the team
- Make a decision and implement it (then change course if needed).
Perhaps (leadership) is not so magical after all. Leadership is simply the hard work of learning how to influence others and accomplish collaboratively what no one could have done on their own. It means taking the time to think before acting. Once you’ve acted, it means taking time to reflect long enough to know what just happened, why it happened, how it happened, and how to replicate the narrow path to success and avoid the broad path to failure.

Dick Daniels – Leadership Briefs
Recommended Resources

- *21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership* by John Maxwell
- *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni
- *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey