

## **Lesson 2 – Principles 1**

### **The Servant-Leader**

Read these Scripture verses below and then answer the questions that follow on a separate sheet of paper. If you believe this lesson would be helpful to others you know, feel free to share it with them.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. (John 13:3-5 NIV)

1. In the selection above, who is the leader of this group?
  
2. In the selection above, who is acting as a servant to the others?

According to the Scripture above, Jesus, the Son of God, had to know 3 things in order to wash the disciples' feet (perform an act of service):

- He knew that the Father had put all things under his power.
- He knew where he had come from.
- He knew where he was going.

In order for us, as Christians, to be the servant-leaders God has called us to be, we need to know the same 3 things about ourselves. Please answer the following questions with honesty, insight, and transparency. Take your time and search deeply within yourself. Short answers reflect a lack of motivation to seek the things of God.

3. In our past, while living corrupt lives and lacking honesty before God and man, we told ourselves lies about the kind of lives we were living. These lies (called thinking errors in cognitive intervention) gave us permission to do the sinful things we wanted to do. Addressing the question of where you came from, how did you see your life, what did you tell yourself about the life you were living, how did you see yourself, your behavior, your character?
4. Address the same question above without the lies. What is the gut-level, honest, transparent answer to where you came from, what was your behavior and character really like?

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5. How we see our lives in the present often indicates where we are going in the future. What we miss most while in prison can become what we seek out most once released. If we were man-whores in the past and what we miss most in prison is having sex, we may rush into marriage (because we are Christians now) with the wrong woman. Perhaps what we miss most is a big juicy Whataburger. (We're not getting into a discussion comparing sex to a Whataburger.) Once released and trying to get back on our feet again financially, we may feel entitled to a Whataburger instead of paying a bill that is due. What do you miss the most while being in prison? What is the most important thing you feel you have done without? Again, be honest. If you are honest with your issues, you can overcome them. If you keep them a secret, your issues will keep you in bondage.
6. When we have purpose, we have direction. If we are clear about what God has given us or how He has gifted us, then we are better able to recognize the next step we are to take in our journey. How has God gifted you for His Kingdom? How has He called you? If you have not yet sought the face of God in this area, spend some time in prayer before answering. If God has already revealed this to you, what is your level of confidence in what you have heard so far? Do you seek confirmation? Has God only revealed a piece of His plan for you or do you know the beginning from the end?