

Seven Portraits of an Enduring Leader VII

“A Servant of God”

There are many dynamics to multidimensional leaders.

There are leadership relationships.

You cannot have influence with people you don't have access to.

There is leadership stewardship.

We are stewards of everything, owners of nothing.

There is leadership.

He leads us so that we can lead others.

An enduring leader is a servant of God.

2 Timothy 2:24 And **the servant of the Lord** must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵ In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ²⁶ And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

I

Enduring leaders serve the Lord with gladness.

KJV Psalm 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

There should be an attitude of joy, delight, and pleasure that accompanies our service.

Serve the Lord with gladness because He is the Creator.

Enter His temple with much thanksgiving because He is good and faithful.

NKJV Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

II

Enduring leaders serve others in love.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one** another. ¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; **Thou shalt love** thy neighbour as thyself.

God’s love is always seeking someone’s highest good all the time.

To serve someone effectively, we must discover how to help them.

We must see and feel the need of the community.

Mess Galatians 5:13 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to **serve one another in love**; that's how freedom grows. ¹⁴ For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: **Love others as you love yourself**. That's an act of true freedom.

- Love is spelled *service* by some people.

III

Enduring leaders serve their community.

KJV James 1:1 James, **a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ**, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

James served the twelve tribes scattered abroad and throughout the world.

KJV Titus 1:1 Paul, **a servant of God**, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Paul served a gentile world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul served significant urban areas with the gospel of grace.

Paul served cities with the gospel of the kingdom of God.

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