

- ✓ Today— L2L Kickoff Lunch
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Two passages to remember from last week:

Judges 5:2

² "That the leaders led in Israel, That the people volunteered, Bless the LORD!

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

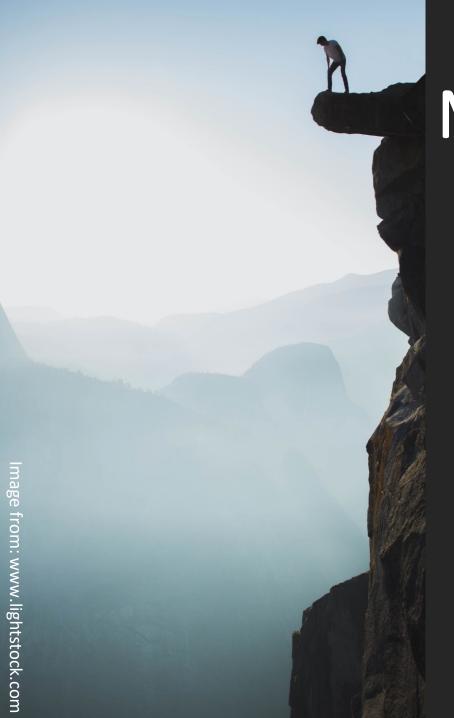
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¹⁶ from whom [Christ] the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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When God Chooses a Leader



Misunderstanding Spiritual Leadership



Two "leaders" who failed:

- 1) <u>Samson</u>(Judges 13-16)
- 2) <u>Rehoboam</u> (1 Kings 12-14)



What went wrong?

While we sometimes think leadership means talents and abilities, God wants something else...

1 Samuel 16:5-7

⁵ He said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

1 Samuel 16:5-7

When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him."

1 Samuel 16:5-7

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."



What God Wants in His Servants

1) Genuine <u>faith</u> that desires to <u>live</u> for Him.

Acts 6:3

³ Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.

1 Timothy 3:8-9

- ⁸ Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,

 ⁹ but holding to the mystery of the fait
- ⁹ but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

Titus 1:7-9

⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not selfwilled, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

Titus 1:7-9

⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.



What God Wants in His Servants

2) Desire to <u>treat</u> others with genuine <u>love</u>.

Ezekiel 34:2,4

² "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?

Ezekiel 34:2,4

⁴ Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

Matthew 23:5-7

⁵ But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.

Matthew 23:5-7

- ⁶ They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues,
- ⁷ and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men.

Matthew 20:26,28

²⁶ It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,

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²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

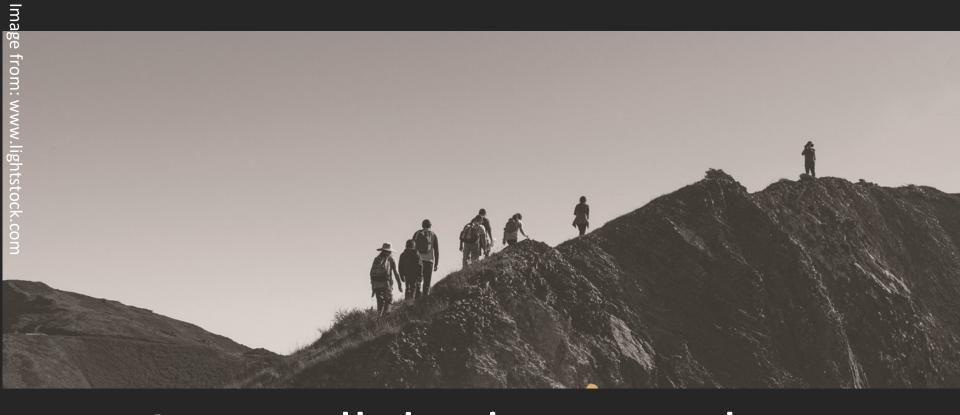
John 13:34-35

- ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Let's commit ourselves to serving God in <u>faith</u> and <u>love</u>.



As we all do that together, God's kingdom will grow!

Acts 2:38

³⁸ Peter *said* to them, "<u>Repent</u>, and each of you <u>be baptized</u> in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and <u>pray for one another</u> so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.