



## Theology of Leadership – Part 1

### Prepare

**Please Read the Following Passages:**

Matthew 23:1-12  
John 17:1-26  
Philippians 2:1-11

### Study Guide

Theme Verse for the Course:

- Matthew 23:11 - But he that is **greatest** among you shall be your **servant**.

Leaders follow the **Kenosis** of Jesus in Philippians 2

- What is **Kenosis**? “self-emptying”

From the Holman Bible Dictionary:

**Kenosis** (keh noh' ssihss) The act of Christ in emptying Himself of the form of God, taking on the form of a servant, and suffering death on a cross. (Read more at <http://bit.ly/BGLkenosis>)

In Philippians 2 we are given 4 models of self-emptying:

- Christ, Paul, Timothy, Ephaproditus

## Moniker for the Course: Towel & Basin

- Upper Room Discourse - John 13-17
  - Jesus will be soon facing full wrath of the father
  - Disciples are discussing who will be the greatest in the Kingdom (Luke 22:24)
  - Jesus washed their feet, when it should have been done by them (John 13:5)
  - Jesus sets the model - Greatest among you will be servant of all (Luke 22:26)
  - This is so you will give a proper perspective of My Father in Heaven

## Genesis 1 - God's Plan For Man from Creation

- Genesis 1:26 – God is preparing to create man.
- God has created animals, plants, and the heavens
  - Mountains can reflect his majesty
  - Oceans can reflect his power
- Only mankind can reflect the **communicable** attributes
- Man's Job: be a **reflector** of the **communicable** attributes

## What are the attributes of God?

- **Incommunicable**: omniscience, omnipresence, omnipotence
- **Communicable**: Love, Holiness, Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
  - Communicable attributes demonstrate what is God like.
  - Can the world see God's communicable attributes in us?

## Our Purpose for living: **Glorify God**

- What does it mean?
  - Glory - Weightiness of the awesomeness of His character
  - Glory is the translation of the Greek word Doxa.
  - Doxa's root is the word "**opinion**"
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

- Do all to give a proper opinion of the nature and character of your God.
- Paul's Doxology: Ephesians 3:20-21 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."
  - Do people see from our church mentality what our God is like?
  - Are we truly reflectors of the communicable attributes of God?
- Tracing the glory of God thru the Old Testament
  - The glory of God always reflected the Presence of God
  - Examples: Ark of the Covenant, Pillar of Fire, Tabernacle
  - When the Ark was taken – there was panic, because God's presence was assumed not to be there

#### The Glory in Jesus' High Priestly Prayer (John 17)

- "I have glorified thee on the earth" (John 17:4)
- "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9)
- "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them" (John 17:22)
- Man's responsibility is to reflect Jesus.

#### Genesis 1:26-28 – Three duties for mankind

- a. Reflector ("after our likeness" Genesis 1:26)
- b. Ruler ("have dominion" Genesis 1:26)
- c. Reproducing ("multiply and replenish" Genesis 1:28)

#### Genesis 2 - Rehearsal of the creative act

- Material – Dust (Genesis 2:7)
- Maker – LORD God (Hebrew: Yahweh Elohim)
  - Emphasis: Covenant Keeping God (Yahweh), Powerful Creator God (Elohim)
- Place - Garden of Eden
  - incomparable in beauty
  - historical in reality
  - immeasurable in bounty

## First Job of Man (Genesis 2:15)

- Adam was created to Reflect, Rule, and Reproduce, now to be **Responsible**
- **Dress it & keep it**
  - Hebrew: Expend considerable energy to fulfill the role
- Work was the earliest form of worship
  - How do we know? Work was **Pre-sin, Pre-fall**
- Why did God give clear instruction?
  - Enemy on the loose – Lucifer
- Adam responsible to protect what he was given in the pristine condition

## New Testament Job for Man

- The New Testament contains many imperatives (Go ye into all the world... Lay up treasures in heaven...). These imperatives create responsibilities.
  - For Men
    - Love your wife (Ephesians 5:25)
    - Provoke not your children (Ephesians 6:4)
  - For Women
    - Submit to your husband (Ephesians 5:22)
      - Submission of woman is not cultural, but creational
      - For protection and blessing, Not for suffering
  - For Children
    - Obey (Ephesians 6:1)
      - Forced Action, from birth to roughly 10-12 yrs old
    - Honor (Ephesians 6:2)
      - Willing Attitude, from roughly 13-19 yrs old (adolescence)
      - Responsibilities shift going thru teen years
      - If obedience is not learned early, honor will not come later

- If we violate our God-given responsibilities, and disobey the God-given imperatives of the New Testament - we're going back to the garden when Adam & Eve decided to cast off the responsibility of tending and keeping.

## **Takeaway**

Goal: Believers are **reflectors**, with **responsibilities**, accepting the **restrictions**.