

## **A Servant's Heart**

### **Reflection**

Why did we enter the police service? What is the highest position we are aspiring for?

### **Inspiration from the Holy Bible**

So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:42-45)

### **Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an**

"O My servants who have believed, Indeed My earth is spacious, so worship only Me."  
(Surah Al-Ankabut 29:56)

Never did We send any Messenger before you to whom We did not reveal: "There is no god but Me. So serve Me alone." (Surah Al-Anbiyah 21:25)

### **Hadith**

Narrated Abu Musa (RA): I heard the Prophet (PBUH) many times say: "When servant of Allah is accustomed to do a good work, then becomes ill or goes on kumey, what was accustomed to do when he was well and staying at home will be corded for him."  
(Sunan Abi Dawud)

## **How do we develop a servant's heart?**

- A. Seek humble service rather than high honor. Employees of government agencies are called "public servants". They are supposed to serve the people without expecting anything in return, even when they occupy high positions.

The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Matthew 23:11-12)

- B. Be willing to serve others first. Jesus displayed his humility by washing His disciples' feet, an act that was usually performed by the lowliest servants. As law enforcers, we must understand that public Interest comes first, and follow the Lord's example.

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. (John 13:12-15)

- C. Sacrifice self-interest in keeping with the time-honoured principle of delicadeza. "Walang delicadeza" used to be considered the ultimate insult to a public servant because delicadeza is a word associated with honor. It means a sense of propriety or conformity to socially and culturally acceptable norms of conduct or speech. A sense of delicadeza produces behavior that is anchored on generally accepted moral standards.

But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. (Luke 22:26)

## **Challenge**

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

## **Prayer**

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: We trust in You, Lord, with all our heart and we do not lean on our own understanding. In all our ways we acknowledge You, and You will direct our paths. All the things for which we pray and ask, in faith we believe that we have received them, and You grant them to us.