

Servant Leadership

Power Inverted, Greatness Redefined

Model Leadership after Christ's Humility

Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions use their authority over them. But it is not this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
(Mark 10:42-45)

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The Upside-Down Kingdom

Jesus' Redefinition of Leadership

Worldly model: “Those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them... exercise authority over them.” (v. 42)

Kingdom model: “Not so with you.” (v. 43) Greatness comes through service; first place comes by being the slave of all.

Christ's example: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (v. 45)

Key Theological Points

This is leadership defined by **sacrificial service**, not by accruing privilege.

Authority is **given by God for the good of others**, not self-promotion.

Leadership is a **stewardship**—a temporary trust to be exercised in humility.

The **ultimate model is the cross**, where Christ gives Himself for those He leads.

Jesus' Vision Statement

What does the King envision for His Kingdom?

*“...Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. **For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’”***

John 18:37

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matt. 28:18-20

Help Wanted...

How do we get Kingdom “business” done?

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matt. 9:35-38

We need to see as Jesus saw and feel as Jesus felt so that we will do as Jesus did.

The Church that Jesus Built

Whose church is it anyway...? Matt. 16:15-19

“There are many plans in a man’s heart. Nevertheless, the Lord’s counsel – that will stand.” Prov. 19:21

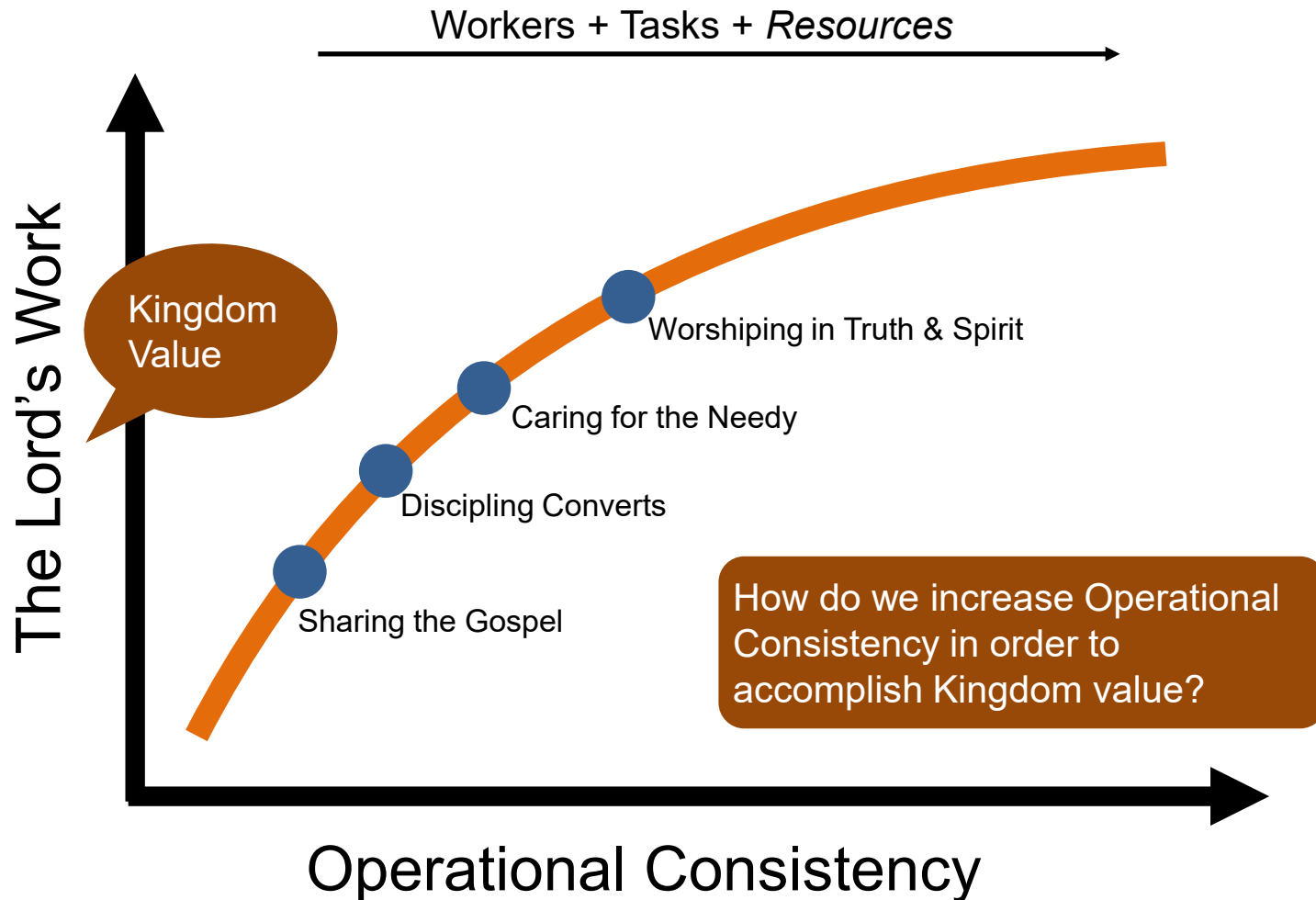
The Apostle Paul said that God will judge whatever we build based upon a foundational principle. 1 Cor. 3:1-23 ; 1 Cor. 3:10

Common misguided church motivations...

- 1. Church driven by Traditions***
- 2. Church driven by Personality***
- 3. Church driven by Finances***
- 4. Church driven by Programs***
- 5. Church driven by Events***
- 6. Church driven by Seekers***

Capability Envisioning

Seeking Value for the Kingdom



Capability Maturity

Ephesians 5:1-21; Romans 12:1-8

Key Operational Objectives

1. *Love the Lord with all your heart.*
2. *Love your neighbor as yourself.*
3. *Go and make disciples.*
4. *Baptize them.*
5. *Teach them to obey.*

Key Kingdom Values

1. *Knowing Christ → commitment to a covenant relationship.*
2. *Growing in Christ → commitment to maturity.*
3. *Serving Christ → commitment to ministry.*
4. *Sharing Christ → commitment to mission.*