



Values and Leadership

Food for Thought

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. (John 13:14-15).

Having recently come through Holy Week and Good Friday, we reflect on the loving sacrifice of Jesus. His example challenges us to put others first in all that we do. This calls leaders to put the needs and concerns of others above their own. However, this is not always easy and requires intentional effort. It not only requires a shift in what we do but why we do it.

Servant leadership is not a new leadership trend, though it is becoming increasingly popular in the business world. As leaders, we have the power to influence others, which means we must decide what kind of leader we want to be and what kind of example we want to set. Will we lead first or serve first?

In the News

[Ken Blanchard – Servant leadership](#)

We influence others every day. This means we need to decide what kind of influence we want to be. Ken Blanchard argued that being a successful leader requires intentional effort in our relationships. He calls leaders to “serve first and lead second.”

[John Maxwell's daily guide to becoming a better servant leader](#)

Changing your leadership style doesn't happen overnight. It takes continuous effort and conscious decision-making each day to be a leader who strives to serve others before their own interests.

[How can you be sure someone has true leadership skills? Look for 5 rare habits](#)

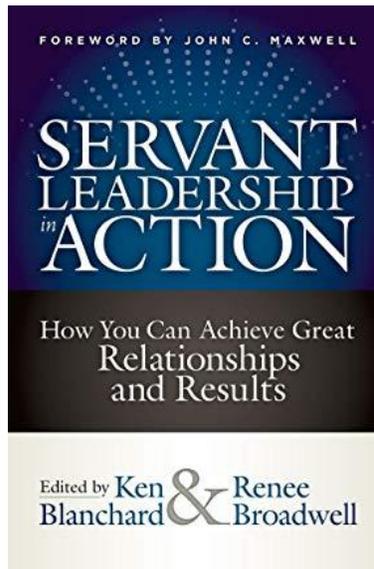
This *Inc.* article considers what it takes to be a human-centered leader and how that contributes to a healthy organizational culture. After all, “culture eats strategy for breakfast.”

[What it means to serve others. The mark of a servant leader](#)

Servant leadership is about more than helping others. It involves a shift in how we think, act and lead. A servant leader puts their desires second and the well-being of others first.

[To elevate your life, practice doing this with others](#)

Becoming a servant leader calls us to shift our focus from helping ourselves to helping others. It requires an intentional focus on serving others in our everyday interactions.



From our Shelves

When leaders put their own interests first it can have a negative impact on the whole organization. In their book *Servant Leadership in Action*, Blanchard and Broadwell look at a different kind of leadership, one that leads by serving others first.

Servant Leadership in Action

Ken Blanchard & Renee Broadwell
Berrett-Koehler Publishers (2018)



Above are articles and items in the news that we've come across that are themed to organizational leadership, values and ethics.

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