



# MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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## Learning to Lead - Part 9

**Aim:** This series is aimed at young leaders starting out in leadership

### *10 Lessons for those just learning to lead*

1. Leaders have learnt to see themselves as leaders
2. Leaders feel fear but have learnt to face fear
3. Leaders have learnt what leadership REALLY IS
4. Leaders have learnt what leadership is DEFINITELY NOT
5. Leaders have learnt to clarify the vision, purpose or goal
6. Leaders have learnt that people need to be loved, appreciated and encouraged
7. Leaders have learnt to develop trust by their character, calling and competence
8. Leaders have learnt to grow teams by empower others

### 9. Leaders have learnt to win hearts by loving from the heart

This title may take you by surprise, but the leadership of love is what makes Kingdom leadership so powerful and don't be surprised if one day even the business community is talking about it.

*John 13:1 (NIV)*

*1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

**Jesus really, REALLY, loved his disciples.**

- Even though he had to rebuke them for being dull and slow to learn
- Even though they argued often about who was the greatest amongst them
- Even though they often lacked faith

**He still loved them DEEPLY.**

- And when a leader loves the people he leads deeply, it brings out the best in them

### What does this look like practically for a leader?

1. A leader needs to be REALLY SECURE

**To really love others, you have to be really secure as a leader.**

- Love focusses on others
- Love puts the attention on others
- Love wants to give the praise and honour to others.

**If you as a leader are insecure, the you will try to GET the focus, the attention and the praise FROM others**

Take a look at what it says about Jesus:

*John 13:3-4 (NIV)*

*3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was*

returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

Notice that it first speaks about being secure before speaking about serving.

- Jesus knew his **authority** and position - "*the Father had put all things under his power*" - So he didn't need to try and prove it.
- Jesus knew his **identity** and roots - "*he had come from God*" - So he didn't need to try and prove himself.
- Jesus knew his **destiny** - "*was returning to God*" - So he didn't need to force it.

It takes a secure leader to take the focus off themselves and genuinely love and serve the people they lead.

2. Secure leaders can REALLY SERVE

*John 13:5 (NIV)*

*5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

Loving is serving. That’s it.

One of our church team made this comment: "*Being a servant is not doing a foot washing ceremony in front of the church. It’s volunteering to do the banking*"

Jesus served them by:

- Training them and teaching them
- Correcting them and challenging them
- Providing for them and caring for them
- Empowering them to fulfil their God given destinies

The people are not there to serve the leader. The leader is there to serve the people.

3. A secure, serving leader is REALLY PATIENT

*John 13:6-8 (NIV)*

*6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”*

*7 Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”*

*8 “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”*

*Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”*

How many times did Jesus have to patiently deal with:

- Peter’s crazy ideas and comments
- And Andrew’s shyness
- And James & John’s mother’s manipulation
- And Thomas’ doubts
- And Judas’ stubborn heart

Notice the very first part of the biblical definition of love...

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)*

*4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

**BIG IDEA:** The leadership of love is true kingdom leadership

*1 Corinthians 8:1b “... knowledge puffs up while love builds up.”*

**The leadership of love:**

- Starts with a leader’s own security of authority, identity and destiny.
- Results in an attitude and lifestyle of genuine serving
- Is expressed in patience, kindness and gentleness

**Great leaders have learnt the leadership of love.**

**YOUR TURN:**

1. Have you had a leader who you know genuinely loves you? How did it make you feel?
2. Are you secure enough in your own authority, identity and destiny to serve others or are you still needing them to serve your ego?
3. Are you expressing love well to your team, or do you need to ask God to help you begin to express real love in a way that builds them up?