



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Servant – Leaders

SERVING GOD'S PURPOSE

*"I will give you shepherds after my own heart
who will lead you with knowledge and understanding"*

Jeremiah 3:15

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Acts 20:18

*And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; 20 how I **kept back nothing that was helpful**, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*

Acts 20:27

*For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Therefore **take heed to yourselves and to all the flock**, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to **shepherd the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood. 29 For I know this, that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you**, not sparing the flock. 30 Also from among yourselves men will rise up, **speaking perverse things**, to draw away the disciples after themselves.*

Acts 20:32

*So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the **word of His grace**, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified..*

CONVICTIONS OF SERVANT – LEADERS

A **conviction** is a firmly held belief that motivates one to action. Convictions are like **ethics**, which are a developed system of beliefs and personal standards.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 (NASB), *For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and **with full conviction**; (KJV, assurance) just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.*

CONVICTIONS OF SERVANT – LEADERS

#1 - A conviction that God has placed them where they are serving.

Psalm 92:12, *The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 **planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,***

CONVICTIONS OF SERVANT – LEADERS

#2 - A conviction that places Christ and His people as a high priority. God made a promise to his people.

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#3 - A willingness to accept any assignment necessary to advance the team’s overall vision.

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#5 - A conviction of faithfulness. Operating not just in sensation, but in season.

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#6 - A conviction of availability: It has been said that availability is as important as ability.

Neil Maxwell wrote, *“God does not begin by asking us about our ability, but only about our availability, and if we then prove our dependability, he will increase our capability”*

ESSENTIALS OF A WINNING TEAM

1. A winning leader
2. A “give-it-all-it-takes” attitude
3. The ability to recover from failure
4. Respect for the value of each person as well as for others’ skills and gifts
5. Intensity and excellence
6. Adherence to core bible principles and Christian character

TEAM WISDOM IN NATURE



Servant - Leaders Consider the Present and the Future

2 Timothy 3:1, *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come* 2 *For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ...7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Servant – Leaders Consider the Present and the Future

- How can one learn and never come to the knowledge of the truth?
- Learning does not become truth without **acting on the word**
- Knowledge and learning are not necessarily synonymous with truth.
- We practically only know what we do.

Servant – Leaders Prioritize Preparation

2 Timothy 3:16, *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, **thoroughly equipped for every good work.***