

humility

positioned for greatness

part 6: how to humbly serve a difficult leader

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- **hum·ble:** low in rank, importance, status, quality, etc.
- **sub·mit:** accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.

1 Samuel 24:5–10 Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. ⁶ He said to his men, “The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord.” ⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way. ⁸ Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. ⁹ He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you?’ ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, ‘I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord’s anointed.’”

SERVING A DIFFICULT LEADER

1. We submit based upon our heart’s _____ not their behavior.

❖ We respect the office even when the officer is _____.

1 Peter 2:13-18 ¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. ¹⁷ Show

proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Slaves (employees), in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters (boss), not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

RECENT STUDY FOUND: 85% of what people worry about never happens.

2. We choose not to _____.

Luke 6:27-28 But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Romans 12:17-21 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

3. We serve them as we would _____.

Colossians 3:22-25 ²² Slaves (employees), obey your earthly masters (bosses) in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

4. We won’t allow our _____ to defy our loyalty.

Acts 23:5b Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.

Ephesians 4:29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

5. We allow God to judge and _____.

1 Samuel 24:12-13 May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.¹³ As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.

1 Samuel 19:19-23 Word came to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah";²⁰ so he sent men to capture him. But when they saw a group of prophets prophesying, with Samuel standing there as their leader, the Spirit of God came on Saul's men, and they also prophesied.²¹ Saul was told about it, and he sent more men, and they prophesied too. Saul sent men a third time, and they also prophesied.²² Finally, he himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Seku. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" "Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said.²³ So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even on him, and he walked along prophesying until he came to Naioth.²⁴ He stripped off his garments, and he too prophesied in Samuel's presence.

6. We continually _____ to remain free.

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*

THRIVE The passage of scripture we are studying this week is Luke 19:1-10.

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