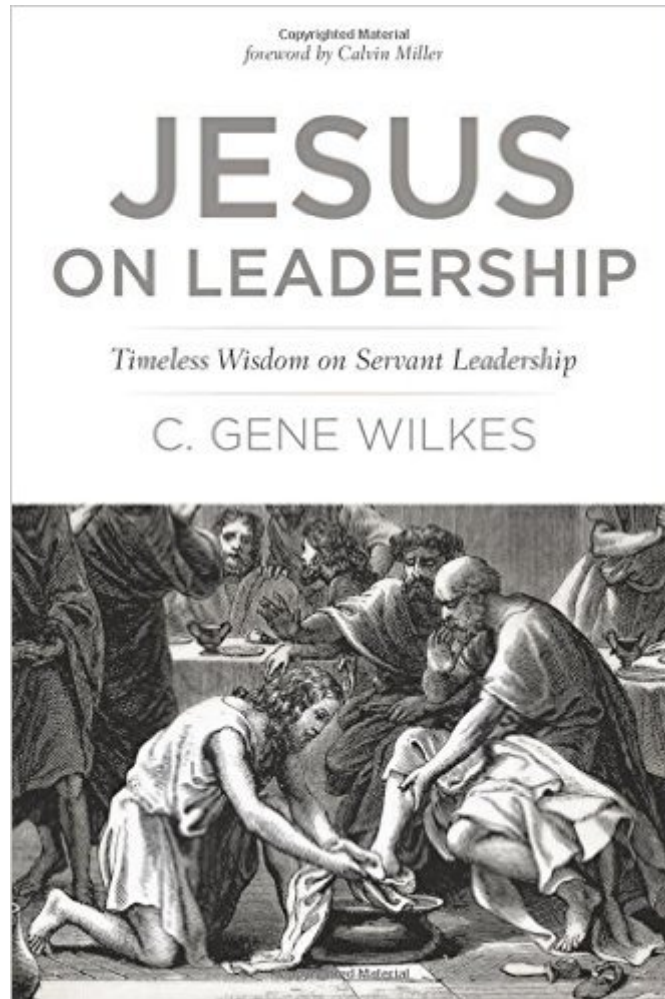


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# Jesus On Leadership: Timeless Wisdom On Servant Leadership



## Synopsis

Discover the essence of transformative leadership by studying how Jesus led. Gene Wilkes, a popular conference speaker, describes how Jesus led. He identifies seven practical principles for today's leaders, to assist them with everything from humbling their hearts to building a team for Christ.

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This book is definitely read at your own risk because it may change your view of church leadership. It is a corrective book for the 21st century paradigm. The author builds seven principles of leadership: #1: Humble Your Heart #2: First Be A Follower #3: Find Greatness In Service #4: Take Risks #5: Take Up The Towel #6: Share Responsibility & Authority #7: Build A Team

**HUMBLE YOUR HEART** Humility is the most counterculture quality in the Bible. The author states, "Two distinguishing character qualities of a servant leader are humility and the ability to wait." Humility can only begin when you have a true picture of yourself before God. He does a nice job with a pragmatic definition of waiting: reflection, prayer and expectation.

**FIRST BE A FOLLOWER** "A person can be assigned, selected or designated for a position, but a person cannot be appointed to leadership", is a major quote for this section. Two conclusions developed here: 1: AS LONG AS POSITION IS HONORED ABOVE DISCIPLESHIP, CHURCH LEADERS WILL HONOR THE AMBITIOUS OVER THE OBEDIENT. 2: AMBITION IS NOT THE SAME THING AS WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW JESUS TO THE CROSS.

**FIND GREATNESS IN SERVICE** The author takes two

examples on leadership spoken by the Lord: 1) "Lord it over them" and 2) "Exercise authority". TO LORD IT OVER SOMEONE MEANS TO SUBJECT HIM TO YOUR POWER. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIS QUESTIONS.TAKE RISKSQuoting Joel Barker, "It is still a great risk in our society to offer new rules for the game", the author develops two points. 1: FILLING ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS WITH WARM BODIES WILL CERTAINLY KILL A CHURCH. FREEING GOD'S PEOPLE TO SERVE AS GOD HAS GIFTED THEM MAKES A CHURCH GROW.

Many Christian authors have undertaken the task of identifying the leadership style of Jesus, and there is disagreement about the most important aspect of Jesus' leadership. The distinctions drawn tend to mirror the various approaches to leadership theory in general. For instance, Leighton Ford studies the leadership of Jesus from the perspective of "transforming leadership," echoing the writings of James MacGregor Burns. Ford writes how Jesus is the best example of a transformational leader - divesting himself of his power and investing it in his followers, empowering them for their tasks, and reproducing himself in their leadership (Leighton Ford, Transforming Leadership: Jesus' Way of Creating Vision, Shaping Values, and Empowering Change. Downer's Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 1991, 15-16). Other writers such as Wilkes, Efrain Agosto, Don N. Howell, Jr., and Ken Blanchard approach the topic of Jesus' leadership from the perspective of servant-leadership, often echoing the themes found in the writings of Robert K. Greenleaf. As found in the Appendix to Jesus on Leadership, these authors claim that Jesus is the best example of and the true source of servant-leadership, giving a more complete picture where secular conceptions fall short. Whether using the term "servant leader" or "transformational leader," it appears that Christian writers have a tendency to borrow the rubric and concepts of secular leadership studies and cast those concepts in a Christian light.Those familiar with leadership studies and theories can pick up Wilkes' book and find themselves on familiar ground because he uses the tools they often work with: mission, vision, values, and forming/equipping teams, for example.

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