

# Things to understand about servant hood

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Any servant of God that wants to serve God at his best ability has to understand some few things if he needs to succeed in his calling:

1. **We have a treasure in a jar of clay.** God has entrusted this glorious message to a frail and valuable human being. Paul urges us to be soft with one another in order to celebrate the strength in one another. [Hebrews 5:1-2](#)

The high priest was able to relate to the strong and have compassion for the weak because as much as he had power, he himself was also subject to weaknesses. He accepted that sometimes people do things out of ignorance and that honest mistakes can be made. When you lead, beware that there are people who don't know - but do not know that they don't know. The bulk of compassion should always be large in a leader's heart.

2. **The priceless content is more precious than the perishable container.** In every gathering the message should be the centre of our focus and not the individuals.

What was important for the widow in [2 Kings 4:1-7](#) in order to get her out of this situation was the content and not the container. When she sold the oil, nobody cared about the container as she was only selling the content.

Judas didn't object to the container (bottle) being broken but complained about the content (perfume) that could have been sold according to him ([John 12:1-5](#)). The value of the container is in the content. We ought to become promoters of the good news and guardian of our brothers. We can educate ourselves to love people. Things that are fine for you can be offensive to another person. Every leadership defines its own boundaries.

3. **In spite of our weaknesses God still chooses us to spread the message.** David's servants who were better than him respected him because they knew the kingship anointing was upon him. A captain of a team doesn't have to be the most skilled but he has been chosen because of one thing the master sees in him and deems to be essential for the team. When you reach maturity you begin to understand that certain things are not important.

Every leader must know that the ultimate goal is to point people to Christ. [John 12:20-22](#)

**4. What we have is not from us but from God.** The power of the gospel is from God therefore we should seek first intimacy with the Giver. Jesus never delegated the fellowship with his Father to anyone else but every day he made sure he meets with his Father. Don't search on what to preach without knowing first what God has deposited in your heart as a message.

**5. The real power of man is in humility.**

As it is said [1 Peter 5:5-6](#), let all of us, clothe ourselves with humility toward one another, because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Let humble ourselves, under God's mighty hand so that he may lift us up in due time.