



Statue of Artemis (Diana): goddess of fertility.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PAUL'S SERVANT LEADERSHIP:

1. A focus on serving Jesus Christ
2. A focus on empowering others to serve Jesus Christ and others.
3. Being mentored and mentoring others.
4. Dealing with very tough issues in a personal way.
5. A focus on responsibilities of the body of Christ.
6. Participative leadership by persuasion and modeling.
7. The reproductive process of leadership training.
8. A patient process rather than product orientation.
9. Contextualizing with a multi-cultural environment;
10. Finishing well

MORE LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM PAUL

Paul served alongside ordinary people (Acts 18:1-23)

- Paul was as a tentmaker. His ability to work at a skill allowed him to live and identify with common people.
- Working with ones' hands was considered beneath the dignity of the affluent. By taking on a trade, Paul makes a counter cultural statement.
- Paul's actions affirm the notion that *all work is sacred if done unto the Lord and for God's purposes in this world.*

Paul reproduced other servant disciples (Acts 18:23)

- In Corinth and Ephesus, there were many opportunities to share the gospel; however, evangelism was not the final word for Paul. He invested significant time *strengthening all the disciples and modeling an example to all the believers.*

Paul empowered male and female disciples (Acts 18:24-26)

- Priscilla and Aquila were a husband and wife team that ministered with Paul. When introduced in 18:2 (also 1 Co 16:19), Aquila's name is mentioned first. However, in Acts 18:26 and other NT references (Ro. 16:3-5; 2 Tim. 4:19) Priscilla (Prisca) is listed first. Many scholars believe this was intentional, and alternating the order of names is a signal of the couple's mutual partnership in marriage and business, as well as their equal standing as ministers of Jesus Christ alongside Paul.
- Paul passed through Ephesus and discovered disciples who had not received the Holy Spirit when they became believers; consequently, he laid hands on them, and they began to practice the spiritual gifts. Paul empowered others through the Holy Spirit.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- *Leaders must care about themselves if they are going to care for the precious church (Acts 20:28).*
- *Leaders have to prepare themselves for opposition and failure (Acts 20:29-30).*
- *Leaders will change, but the Word remains (Acts 20:32).*
- *Leaders must understand the self-support principle for covering the costs of church life (Acts 20:33-35).*