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“Leadership is the art and science of inspiring others to reach their full potential in the pursuit of a common vision”

Dr. James Bultman

Today Scripture Reference

Luke 16: 10-12

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? NIV



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The TCL E-Leadership Resource Can I Trust You? - You Trust Me? Luke 16:1-12

I don't know about you but I can be pretty skeptical. I did not grow up in Missouri but sometimes you just have to show me. Part of my skepticism certainly comes from managing hundreds of people in the last 30 years. When you have managed people that long you pretty well have heard every excuse in the book ... Why they were late for work, why something did not get done in time, or why the work they performed was not up to standards.

While I certainly have become use to a certain level of baloney and inaccuracies, the level of my trust certainly relates to the level of "baloney" I hear. The baloney and lies I hear certainly affect the level of trust I have. One person I employed got the best of me and before I realized that he was a habitual liar, he stole \$40,000 from me. If it were not for the fact he left the title to his \$25,000 Harley Davidson bike in the company vehicle, I would have not been made whole. I found out later that no one, not even his wife, trusted him with anything.

I guess I wonder if God trusts me ... the wretched sinner that I am. How in the world did I get to lead the stuff I lead the way I am in His eyes? Friends, you and I "who have been given a trust must prove faithful". *I Cor 4:2* So what came first? ... His trust ... or our faithfulness? Certainly in this verse and in our main scripture, God is asking us to be faithful with the trust He gave us first. But why would He do that? ... oh that is right ... only by His grace do I lead the stuff I lead. It was by His grace he started out with the small stuff. He then combined His grace with some of my faithfulness and increased my leadership from time to time. Hard to imagine but everywhere I turn around, there is His grace staring me in the face. Amazing the more you think about it.

Our scripture today tells us not only that trust came from God first but also how to identify who to trust. It tells us to start with the small stuff. Is that not the way we all began our leadership journey? Did not someone trust us enough to give us something little to lead? How about the person who we just met? Do we begin by trusting them? I may be skeptical but when it comes to people I try my best to begin by trusting them. I wait for them to produce a reason to mistrust them. I could not imagine the stress of mistrusting everyone till they proved themselves faithful!

Some of us are now leading bigger stuff. God has entrusted us with bigger things. But now ... how are we doing with the small stuff? I just attended a church conference, and I am fairly confident that a church leader lied to me this weekend. Not a big lie ... Just a little one to cover himself with.

Friends, those of you who lead big stuff cannot forget to be faithful in the SMALL STUFF ... all the time.

Let us eat our baloney for lunch.

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