

# Portrait of a Servant-Leader

1. The servant-leader is a servant first. It begins with a basic respect for the humanity of every person. A servant-leader is committed to the growth of the people he or she serves, to their health, well-being, and ability to meet their own needs. A servant-leader is committed to the empowerment of others and to their freedom to accomplish their work.



laser-like concentration on God's clearly stated agenda, that is, the evangelization of the lost, the edification of the saved, and the establishment of vital churches.

The apostle Paul stands before us as the premier example of the missional leader driven by the divine agenda. A clearly defined mission to preach the gospel, the regular reaffirmation of its core values and message, and the ability to contextualize the message to different audiences preserves Paul from three respective common pitfalls: (1) Mission ambiguity: failure to clarify from the outset one's purpose for existence; (2) Mission drift: subtle and gradual erosion of the sharp edges of the defining purpose; (3) Mission