

SESSION #16 JOURNEYMEN:  
25 WAYS TO BE A SERVANT LEADER

1. A servant-leader keeps leading and initiating, even when it doesn't go well.
2. A servant-leader stays alert to the "blessing-flow" within the family.
3. A servant-leader accepts spiritual responsibility for his family by personally committing to his own spiritual growth and by investing in the growth of his family.
4. A servant-leader is willing to say "I'm sorry" and "Forgive Me" to his family.
5. A servant-leader lets his wife and children into the interior of his life.
6. A servant-leader seeks to understand his wife and interacts out of that understanding.
7. A servant-leader includes his wife in envisioning the future.
8. A servant-leader frequently tells his wife what he likes about her and praises her often in public.
9. A servant-leader prays with and for his wife on a regular basis.
10. A servant-leader encourages his wife to grow as an individual and ensures time for his wife to pursue her own personal interests.

11. A servant-leader discusses household responsibilities with his wife and makes sure they are reasonably distributed.
12. A servant-leader provides financially for his family's basic living expenses and consults his wife on all major financial decisions.
13. A servant-leader keeps his family financially sound and out of harmful debt.
14. A servant-leader makes sure he and his wife have drawn up a will and arranged a well-conceived plan for their children in case of death.
15. A servant-leader follows through with commitments he has made to his wife and family.
16. A servant-leader anticipates the different stages his marriage and his children will pass through.
17. A servant-leader manages the schedule of the home and anticipates any pressure points.
18. A servant-leader deals with distractions so he can talk with his wife and family.
19. A servant-leader initiates meaningful family traditions and regular fun family-outings.
20. A servant-leader takes the lead in establishing with his wife sound, biblically-supportable family values.

21. A servant-leader takes the time to give his children practical instruction about life, which in turn gives them confidence with their peers.
  
22. A servant-leader explains sex to each child in a way that gives them a wholesome perspective.
  
23. A servant-leader joins a small group of men who are dedicated to improving their skills as a man, husband, and father.
  
24. A servant-leader asks for help when he or his family is floundering.
  
25. A servant-leader keeps starting over.

## **QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What are one or two things you could change right now that would make you a better servant-leader?
2. Would your wife say she feels honored and valued as a “co-equal” and partner in your home? Why or why not?
3. Would you be willing to plan a weekend getaway with your wife? What would stop you?

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