

TRUE GREATNESS BEGINS OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT.

Leadership insights

- 1) Leadership potential begins with self-**awareness** – 13:14b *The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart,*
 - The Gospel gives us *proper* self-awareness.
- 2) Leadership potential is accurately measured by God's scale – 9:1-2 *There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, a Benjaminite, a man of wealth. ² And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.*
 - Your view of leadership and leaders will affect your leadership potential.
- 3) Leadership potential is enhanced or limited by our **obedience** to God – 15:22 *And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,*
 - Even the prophet Samuel's leadership mindset needed an **adjustment** – 16:6-11a *When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him."⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."*

⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.”

- Don't be discouraged when others consistently look past you.
- God often prepares us through a progression: Leading a flock usually precedes leading a nation.

“If we cannot do all, let us do what we can.” – Richard Baxter¹

4) Your leadership potential can only be reached with God's **help** – 16:13a *Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.*

Matthew 23:12

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

¹ Richard Baxter, *The Reformed Pastor* (Carlisle, PA: The Banner of Truth Trust, 1656, 2001), 126.