

# King-Bay Chaplaincy

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NEWSLETTER

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## ARE YOU A LEADER?

Once upon a time, a wise man was sent to choose a new leader for a nation. He was to choose the new leader from eight brothers. After seeing the first brother, the wise man was convinced he had found the new leader because of his appearance and physical stature. However after consulting with the one who sent him, he was told he had chosen the wrong one. He learned a valuable lesson and that is you don't choose a leader based on appearances and physical stature.

After seeing seven of the brothers he was told none of them were the next leader. Finally, he sent for the last brother who just happened to be the youngest. To his surprise, he was told this is the next leader. The wise man learned another important lesson on leadership and that is you don't choose a leader based on age.

Since this story is true we can learn some valuable lessons on recognizing a potential leader by looking at the life of the young man who was chosen. Many of you have probably guessed by now that the young man chosen was David, who went on to be one of the greatest leaders in the history of the Nation of Israel.

Let's examine some of the qualities that made David such a great leader.

### Faithfulness

"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful in much" Luke 16:10. To be faithful is to be loyal, to be trustworthy. David developed as a leader by being a faithful servant. Before he learned to lead people, he developed as a leader by leading sheep. Long before he was

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## KING-BAY CHAPLAINCY - UPDATE

With summer coming to a close, the concourse is busy again with people rushing back and forth. The Chaplaincy is back to full regular lunchtime programs, more people are dropping in and our plans for fall and winter are under way. Our financial situation is still precarious. The Chaplaincy's three staff members have worked part-time for the past eight months and, although we continue to offer full programs as well as help and hope to all those that drop in, we need a real solution. With your prayers and financial support we can return the Chaplaincy to full strength Monday to Friday.

We thank all of you who responded to our last newsletter with a donation. This Chaplaincy had been a lifeline to a countless number of people over its 33 year history and we know it will continue to be a Gift of Hope to countless more in the years to come. We ask you to help us to help others. If you are able to give at this time, it would be greatly appreciated. In our Morning Prayer time, we pray for all of your intentions and ask you to please remember us in your prayers.

God Bless...



recognized as a great leader of men, he was recognized as a faithful servant taking care of his father's sheep. Even when his father sent him on an errand, David made sure someone was put in charge of tending the sheep. To be faithful is to be responsible, and to be responsible is to be accountable.

### Courage

Courage is the ability to take action in a dangerous or critical situation. As a shepherd, David showed tremendous bravery in protecting his father's sheep. When a lion and a bear had taken a sheep from the flock David went after them, killed them and rescued the sheep. He was willing to risk his own life defending someone else's property.

### Confidence

David was confident but not arrogant. This was revealed when he was about to face a giant problem. David's confidence wasn't based on his courage, but his courage was based on his confidence, not confidence in himself but confidence in his God.

Listen to a bit of his conversation with King Saul regarding facing the problem they had with Goliath. "Your servant has killed both lion and bear and I will do the same to this heathen Philistine, who had defied the army of the living God." Moreover David said "The Lord has saved me from lions and bears; he will save me from this Philistine." 1Samuel 17: 36-37.

### Perspective

Leaders usually have a different way of seeing things, especially problems. Take David for instance; while King Saul and his armies saw an invincible giant in Goliath, David saw a giant opportunity.

While visiting his brothers on the battlefield who were soldiers under King Saul, he overheard a conversation among the men, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be the man who kills him, the King will

enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter; and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel. Then David spoke to the men who stood by him saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine?"

### Vision

David was a visionary leader. Vision is the ability to see the big future, to see into the future that doesn't yet exist. Vision inspires people to follow a leader; David's men not only followed him but also risked their own lives just to give him a drink of water. Vision unites people; David was able to unite the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah under his leadership. Vision helps to define purpose and purpose helps to keep followers focused. Vision produces passion and passion energizes people.

### Influence

Influence is the ability to persuade others to follow you. David had an inner circle of 400 men. When they came to David they were, "distressed, everyone was in debt, and everyone was disconnected". However under the leadership of David they became giant killers, warriors and conquerors, just like David. He turned losers into winners.

These are just some of the qualities that make up a great leader. Like David most people are not born with these qualities but can develop them with time and opportunity. During stressful times or circumstance people with courage and prospective usually emerge as leaders. Therefore there is the potential of a leader in all of us.



God loves each of us  
as if there were  
only one of us.

St. Augustine



## Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto  
the LORD, all ye lands.

Serve the LORD with  
gladness: come before his  
presence with singing.

Know ye that the LORD he  
is God: it is he that  
hath made us, and not we  
ourselves; we are his  
people, and the sheep of  
his pasture.

Enter into his gates with  
thanksgiving, and into  
his courts with praise:  
be thankful unto him, and  
bless his name.

For the LORD is good; his  
mercy is everlasting; and  
his truth endureth to all  
generations.



## Enriching Your Prayer Life

Like the ordinary diary, a prayer journal offers an outlet for anxiety and frustration and gives its writer a means of evaluating personal growth. However, a prayer journal goes deeper, helping us remember who and what to pray for, providing concrete examples of God's answers to our prayer, and intensifying our awareness of our unique place in God's plan.



### Creating Your Own Prayer Experience:

#### "Prayer Journal How-to's"

- Find a quiet spot, without distractions. Try to write there each time.
- Set a timer for 10 minutes.
- Keep writing. If no ideas emerge, write "I love you, God" or "Come, Lord Jesus" again and again. In time, you'll feel an intimacy that enables you to cover more sensitive topics.
- Don't edit - no scratching out or correcting.
- If something you write provokes tears or laughter, express your feelings.
- Be sure your journal is hidden in a place where it can't be discovered. Confidentiality will give you assurance.

~ written by Joan Wester Anderson

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP

By KBC founder: Rev. Graham Tucker

Robert Greenleaf, a prominent management consultant in the U.S. came to the conclusion that the most effective leader/manager for the time is the “servant” leader. This type of person is first of all, deep down, committed to serving others and society; then he is a leader and a manager. Having a vision of a better society and world he feels called to lead, i.e. to influence others for the betterment of others. This innate quality is then channelled into management, which is an art and a science which can be learned.

Some servant leaders assume great institutional burdens; others quietly deal with one person at a time. Such a man was John Woolman, an American Quaker who lived in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. He almost single-handedly rid the Society of Friends (Quakers) of holding slaves, nearly 100 years before slavery was formally abolished.

His method was unique. He didn’t raise a movement. For 30 years he used gentle but clear and persistent persuasion and by 1770 no Quakers held slaves. He accomplished his mission by journeys up and down the East coast by foot or horseback, visiting slaveholders. The approach was not to censure the slaveholders, which would have antagonized them. Rather he raised the questions “What does the owning of slaves do to you as a moral person? What kind of an institution are you passing over to your children?” Person by person, visiting and revisiting, pressing his gentle arguments he

succeeded in achieving a major social change. The Quakers became the first religious group in America to denounce and forbid slavery among its members.

One wonders what might have happened if there had been 50 John Woolmans travelling in the length and breadth of the colonies in the 18<sup>th</sup> century persuading people in this manner?

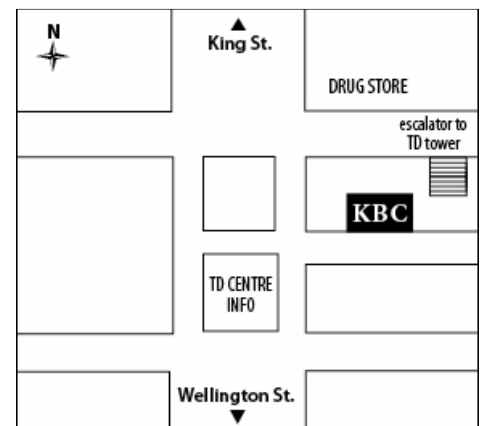
There might have been no civil war with the loss of 600,000 lives and the social problems we experience to this day. Greenleaf says “We know now, in the perspective of history, that just a slight alleviation of the tension in the 1850s might have avoided the war. A few John Woolmans (servant leaders), just a few, might have made the difference. This kind of leadership has the virtue of change by persuasion rather than coercion.”

John Woolman exerted his leadership in an age that must have looked as dark to him as ours does to us today. So if you feel your efforts for world peace, or your efforts to improve the quality of life in your workplace seem too small to count – just remember John Woolman, and remember that this is the way God chooses to change the world – the way of the suffering servant leader. In the long run it’s the only way that really works.

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