

BEING NUMBER ONE AT BEING NUMBER TWO

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- 1) Being Number One at being Number Two is “Understanding Another Man’s Vision” which is an impressive and moving work that is much needed in the Church today. This work was designed for those individuals who have been gifted and called as leaders to minister alongside their Pastors.
- 2) This work is also geared towards those individuals (leaders/leaders in training) who are able to accept the challenge of not knowing every detail of every matter and are striving to be the best they can be in the position for which they have been called: in other words (Being Number One at being Number Two). The most important principle in becoming Number One at Being Number Two is that you must first commit to, articulate, and fully support the vision of the one that is out front.
- 3) In helping you to understand relationships and positioning, there are three Biblical relationships that we will consider; Joshua and Moses, Paul and Timothy and Elijah and Elisha. In each of these relationships, there is a lesson to be learned. Leaders that are in number two position at some point would find themselves experiencing one or more of these relationships. The key is to be able to identify where you are in the relationship with your Pastor and to adjust accordingly.
- 4) Jesus has given the perfect example of what it’s really like to be Number One at Being Number Two. I think it is so important that we rely heavily on the example that has already been given us through the life of Jesus Christ. In the fallen world so often we are told that, “to be number two means that you have somehow “missed the mark” you’re good...but not quite good enough...you are not the best. What I have come to appreciate is that the best is not determined by a number or a rating. Being the best is determined by walking in integrity...being the best is determined by being humble, and walking in humility. It’s been determined that being the best requires being loyal, and discipline which will produce character...for these are the main ingredients in becoming the best that one can be. Being Number One at being Number Two means, as John the Baptist expresses in **John 3:30** that, *“He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease”*.
- 5) As leaders, this is the same position we should take with our Pastors. The scripture states: “To whom much is given, much is required.” Leaders must understand and except the fact that their ministry is a calling that God has placed on their lives. Called men and women of God,

should walk upright before God, believers, and unbelievers; displaying a faith and confidence that says I am totally dependent upon God for all things.

LOYALTY

Either You Are or You're Not

- A. Loyalty is faithfulness or a devotion to a person or cause. Loyalty is not something that you pick up today and put down tomorrow. Neither is it designed so that you can be loyal in one area of your life and disloyal in another...Either you're loyal or you're not. This is one of the underlying traits that many Pastors look for as they bring people into their inner circle.
- B. With this privilege comes dependence and trust that says; "I know you are with me, I can depend on you." During the course of this spiritual relationship, there will be numerous duties that will be entrusted to the number two person, and it becomes their responsibility to make sure that these duties are carried out.
- C. We, as leaders must remember that it is God's purpose and God's will that we assist in caring for His people. To that end, Leaders must first understand that they must be trustworthy in order to be trusted. You must be completely loyal to the visionary/Pastor of the Church. Here is a nugget I hope you will treasure: ***"Loyalty is not what you do in the presence of your leader or Pastor, it is what you do (and say) when you are not in their presence"***.
- D. It is loyalty and obedience that keeps you during these times. The gist of the matter here is that you cannot follow, lead, or serve anyone without being loyal. For I am convinced, that all character traits hinges on Loyalty...And you either have it...or you don't.

THE ROLE OF A SERVANT

- A. What is a servant? In its most basic meaning, a servant is one who is willing to subject himself or herself to another without being in bondage. Every one of us should find ourselves in a servant role. To truly appreciate servant-hood, we first have to understand the principles that were set forth in the relationship with Moses and Joshua. ***"Joshua did not think it was important that he build a name for himself"***.
- B. It is your Pastor's name that will bring about your identity and make others aware of you. It is his name that will give creditability to the things we put our hands to do. If we could ever grasp the importance of the credibility that comes from serving, we will find ourselves accomplishing more than we could ever imagine.
- C. And this is the understanding that we should have...we are required to be servants to our leaders in order to move into the next phase of our journey. What we have discussed thus far is the serving phase where you give and you give...and you give and you give...and then you give...

and after you have given, you give some more. All of this giving is because you know, you understand and you believe by faith, that God has an expected end for your life.

- D. So don't grow weary in doing well, and don't keep a track record of what you do for the man and woman of God. All that you do should be for the Glory of God; "for your witness is in heaven." When serving the men and women of God, you do it because you have the heart for God and for the people...you're loyal to them and God has predestined you to serve them.