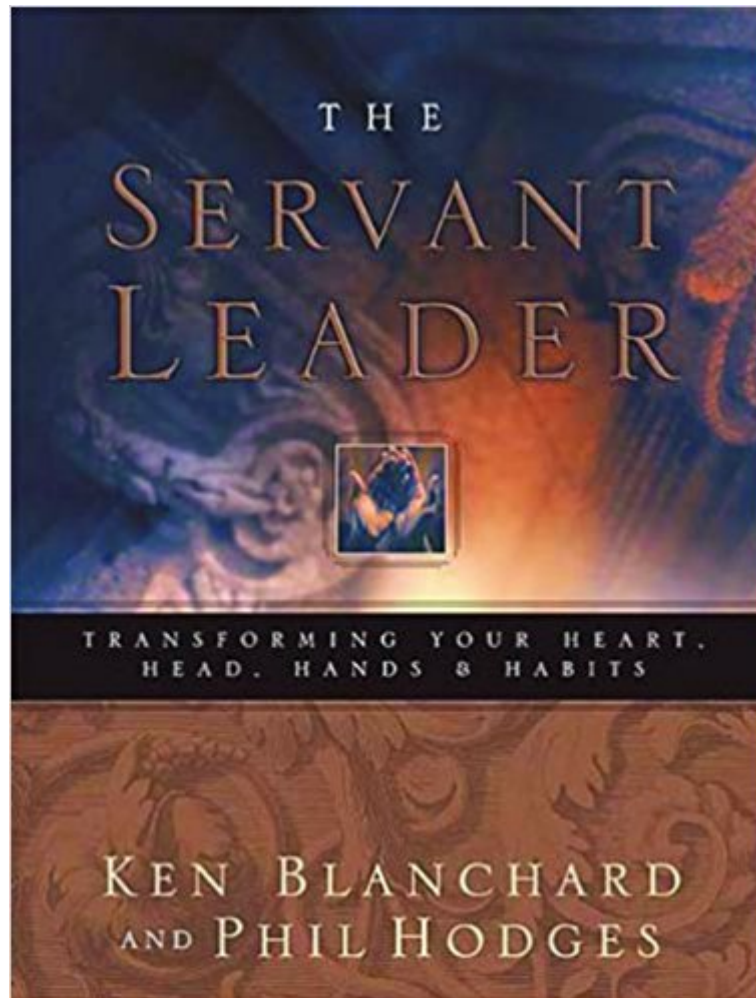




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# Servant Leader



## Synopsis

Best-selling author of *The One Minute Manager*, Ken Blanchard, along with Phil Hodges, reveals the meaning of servant leadership modeled after Jesus Christ. Based on Blanchard's and Hodges' Faith Walk seminars, business leaders come to realize that teams are more powerful than the sum of the individuals and to recognize their people as appreciating assets. *Servant Leader* summarizes the Four Dimensions of Leadership: the head (leadership assumptions and methods) the hands (application and leadership behavior) the heart (edging God out) the habits (solitude, prayer, study of scripture, unconditional love, etc.) The thousands who have attended his seminars witnessed the transforming power of this unconventional approach. Readers seeking to grow as leaders and business executives will find *Servant Leader* nothing short of life-changing.

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## Customer Reviews

Ken Blanchard is the coauthor of *The One Minute Manager*® and fifty other books, including the New York Times business bestsellers *Gung Ho!* and *Raving Fans*. His books have combined sales of more than eighteen million copies in more than twenty-seven languages. He is the chief spiritual officer of The Ken Blanchard Companies, a full-service global management training and development company that he and his wife, Dr. Marjorie Blanchard, founded in 1979.

Yes, it does have good messages about servant leadership and some great bible passages to compliment. Altogether, without the rather interesting formatting and clip art, this could maybe be a

25 page book. I'm glad I only paid \$8 for it on Kindle, but I have definitely found more substantive pieces of literature for less, and would not buy again. I needed this for my class on leadership, and found it hard to actually read around the formatting, but enjoyed the message. Some pages are better than others, but there doesn't always seem to be a reason for font size or bold, much less the amount of clip art.

"THE SERVANT LEADER" book was first given to me by a minister in 2003 when I served as one of the local pastors in my faith. This highly valued reference book has been most most effective in helping me to continually transcend my leadership skills starting with the inside transformation of my heart, head, hands and habits. I more recently ordered the Kindle edition to have this book more readily available for quick excerpt reading. I would highly recommend this book to any leader interested in advocating and promoting Jesus Christ and His teachings as a model for true leadership.

The Servant Leader, by Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges, is a beautifully-designed book from J. Countryman, a division of Thomas Nelson. Its 125 pages, richly illustrated, offer an easily digested overview of the authors' themes of servant leadership and situational leadership. It is obvious from the design that this book is not intended, like many leadership books, to be plowed through and underlined and annotated; it is more conducive to thoughtful meditation over a longer period of digestion. While parts of the book (such as the couple pages on solitude and prayer) are more basic than I'd like, there are still some helpful insights and welcome reminders for any leader, whatever his or her level of accomplishment or spirituality. I found especially helpful the authors' list of seven reactions people have to change, and the tactics leaders can employ to ease the pain of change. The book also offers a useful introduction to Blanchard's Situational Leadership concept. If you're looking for depth or have already read numerous Blanchard books, look elsewhere. If you haven't yet read much of Ken Blanchard's work, or if you're looking for a devotional approach to the topic of servant leadership (or a perfect gift for someone in leadership), you'll love The Servant Leader.

I think this book provides great insight on what it means to be a servant leader. Everyone at some point in their life is called to lead in some way and I would greatly recommend this book. Being a servant leader is true leadership as taught by the greatest servant leader, Jesus Christ. This book provides great tools and suggested follow up assignments to help keep you focused and grow your skills, and wisdom. Absolutely worth reading.

As four generations are in the workforce today, I picked my book up again for another read. Today's leaders are more like parents or Role Models if you are a servant leader, so I enjoyed my refresher. So much is changing, and I am preparing the next generation of leaders so it's important to do it right. I love this book. I'm a Christian. It may not be a book for you if you do not believe in Jesus. The business principles are still spot on nevertheless.

Not the most well written book. It lacked good explanations and examples of application. However the concepts are wonderful! I recommend reading "The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle: How to Become a Servant Leader" by James Hunter. It's a quick read and very interesting (it paints a great picture of what a servant leader is) even though it could be written a little better in my opinion still. Also read "Emotional Intelligence" by Daniel Goleman. It's not a quick read but it's really well done and very insightful.

I have been studying servant leadership recently and was excited to read what Kenneth Blanchard, author of the "One Minute Manager" would have to say on the topic; especially from a Christian point of view. I was hoping to find a meaty, substantial book with examples and illustrations from his extensive experience in business and leadership. Instead, "Servant Leader" is merely a collection of quips, quotes, and a few Bible verses. It is so disappointing when good authors market these tidbit books. Blanchard must have some wonderful insights and knowledge but this particular book is one which offers more milk than meat. The pages are beautifully illustrated and the color graphics are very professional - it looks great on the coffee table. However, if you are looking for a fuller treatment of Servant Leadership, I recommend the recent books by James Hunter: "The Servant" and "The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle".

Many leadership books are too conceptual without outlining the specific conduct of a good leader. I suspect to the casual observer the book may seem rather unsophisticated in that it uses a fictional character to outline the traits and actions of a servant leader. But those who have actually wrestled with leadership will quickly see the value of this book. I intend to give a copy to young acquaintances who are just entering the work force. It's more than a leadership book. It's a relationship book.

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