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ABSTRACT

This Thesis is focussed on what leadership is all about; especially in the Biblical or Christian perspective.

It attempts to broaden leadership horizon of Christian Leaders in order to help them to see leadership as servanthip. This attempt is made by presenting the biblical/Jesus Leadership concepts with the aim that its real understanding in a Biblical context will reduce leadership crisis among Christian Organizations.

The Project is divided into five Chapters.

Chapter One is the general introduction to the whole thesis. Here the writer gives the motivating factors of the work; the objectives or aims and how they will be achieved are also discussed. The Chapter includes definition of some operative terms such as "Leadership", "Biblical Concept of Leadership/Servanthood" and "Secular Concept of Leadership is briefly explained".

Chapter Two deals with Leadership as a call. In this Chapter, some Biblical personalities' or characters' profiles and their life backgrounds, calls and leadership styles are discussed in order to identify some lessons for current leaders.

Chapter Three discusses the Leadership Concept of Jesus Christ, that is Servanthood. The selected Biblical passages that are critically examined are: Mark 9:33 - 35; Mark 10: 35 - 45 and John 13: 1 - 17. The exposition of these passages gives the understanding of Jesus Christ's Leadership Concept - Servanthood.

Chapter Four is an Overview of the Leadership concept of Jesus Christ as it can be related to contemporary Christian Leadership. The qualities or skills, the training of prospective leaders, leadership conflicts: causes, effects and solution are synthesized.

Chapter Five is the conclusive part of the Thesis. It gives the summary of the Project; and suggestions to Christian Leaders.

This work is planned in this way in order to emphasize the targeted points for the needful consideration and the usage of Christian Leaders and for the effectiveness of the Ministry of reconciliation committed into their hands.