



HIGH ROAD LEADERSHIP

Leading for the Upside-Down Kingdom

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Agenda

- Define the Upside-Down Kingdom
- Define High Road Leadership
- Clarify Natural and Unnatural Responses
- Identifying Challenges for Leadership in Public Health
- Action Steps for Leadership Development

“But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” — Matthew 20:25-28

The Upside-Down Kingdom

Expectation vs Reality

Expectation:

- Mighty Warrior & Glory

Reality:

- Suffering Servant & Mode

John 13:12-15

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments, and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.



High Road Leadership: Maxwell's Wisdom

Reality 1: People WILL treat you Badly. The question then is how will you respond?

- * The Low Road: Treat them Worse than they treat you?
- * The Middle Road: Treat them the Same as they treat you?
- *The High Road: Treat them Better than they treat you?

Reality 2: No one takes the High Road by Accident.

- *It is a Choice. Make it Intentionally
- *It is a Skill. Practice is consistently
- *It is a Lifestyle. The more you do it, the more likely you will repeat it naturally.

Words to Live By--- Kent M. Keith: The Paradoxical Commandments

Natural and Unnatural Responses

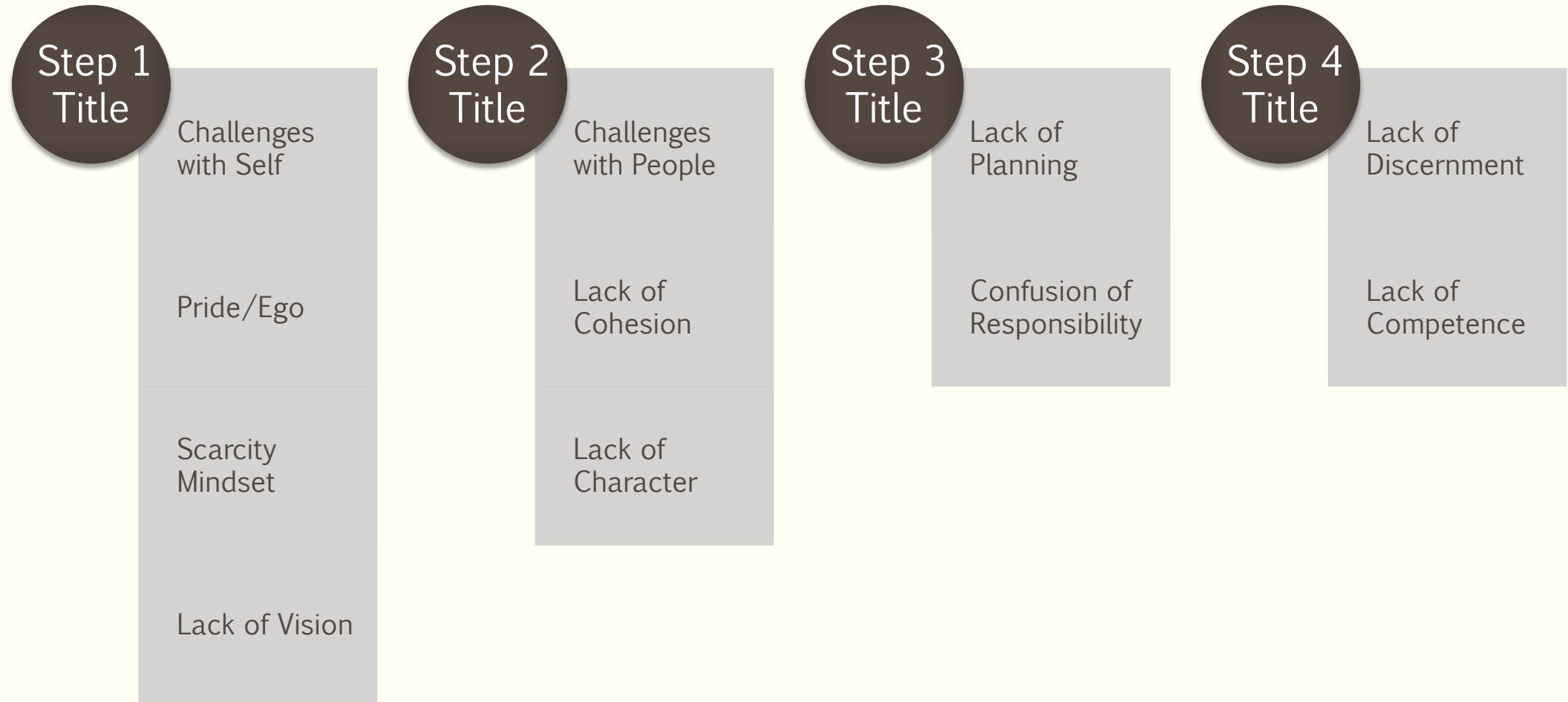
Natural Responses

- Hurt= Withdraw/Attack (Flight or Fight)
- Fear= Panic/Run Away/Lash Out
- Loss= Poverty Mindset
- Another's Win= Covet/Envy/Desire

Unnatural Responses

- Hurt= Question/Grace (Curiosity/Heal)
- Fear= Wait/Trust
- Loss= Living w/Hands wide open
- Another's Win= Celebrate/Enjoy

Challenges for Leadership in Public Health



Action Steps for Christian Leadership Development

1. Be Intentional In Development

1. Maxwell Leadership Bible
2. Workshops, CTEs,

2. Seek Mentors

3. Build Skills and Competence

4. Be a River, not a Swamp

5. Be a Servant, not a volunteer

6. Define your Passion, Purpose, Perspective

7. Remember who you work for

- Active Listening
- Connect, not Correct
- God is the Source
- Self-Discipline
- Your Model is the Messiah
- Teachable Moments
- Respect

Crafting a Leadership Plan

- No Quick Fixes or Paths for Becoming a Quality Christian Leader

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” —
Matthew 6:33*

QUESTIONS???

