



**CEO Devotional – January 5, 2015**  
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***A Prayer to Be Servant Leaders***

One of the main reasons I love my job as a banker is because it offers such a great opportunity for ministry. As bankers, our jobs are to build very close and personal relationships with our customers, so that we know their needs and can help them accomplish their lifelong goals. In building those relationships, you walk through the good and the bad times of their lives.

On one side are the positives such as the start of a new business, weddings, births, grand openings, and success. On the other side are death, divorce, bankruptcy, family problem, and failure. Through the roughest of times I find that we have the greatest opportunity to become part of the healing process in putting the whole person back together before we can deal with the financial side. These times create opportunities to share God's grace and His healing power.

As CEOs we know we are called to be servant leaders. Our jobs are to develop people spiritually, professionally, and personally, so that we can help build better companies, vendors, and customers. As good listeners and professional secret keepers, our employees and customers can deposit their problems with us as a way to sort through options and find the best solutions.

As Christ washed the feet of the disciples the day before He was crucified, we also are called to get on our knees, humble ourselves, and become servant leaders to those around us. I often wonder about the times that I become too busy, not listening to the Lord, and miss those opportunities to spread His love by helping one of my associates or customers find their way back to wholeness.

Our example is simply Jesus Himself. *"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."* (Matthew 20:28)

This is more of a prayer than a devotional. As this new calendar year begins here is my prayer for each of you and for me.

*Lord, let us remember as CEOs that our jobs are to be servant leaders who are humble and on our knees waiting for You to direct us to those who need your healing words, touch, and love. Help us to remember that the Holy Spirit is within us to direct us to do Your will and to be Your servants on this earth. Let us not allow an opportunity to pass to do Your will.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*