

Christian Leadership Reflections

Personal Reflection Guide

THE HIGH COST OF THE UNAPPRECIATED

https://www.cccc.org/news_blogs/john/2017/05/15/the-high-cost-of-the-unappreciated



- 1) Recall three or four times in your life when someone expressed deep appreciation to you in a work relationship.
 - a) What were the circumstances?
 - b) What exactly did the other person appreciate about you?
 - c) How did it feel receiving their appreciation?
 - d) How did it affect your relationship with the person and how you performed your work?
- 2) The post lists several ways that leaders hurt themselves by not expressing appreciation for others. Review the problems that could develop and, in reflective listening prayer, ask God to reveal to you if you are suffering from any of those problems or if you need to be warned that you are inclined that way.
- 3) Describe the fundamental relationship between you and the team, as you believe God sees it. (This post may help you answer this question: https://www.cccc.org/news_blogs/john/2011/07/28/a-few-ways-to-think-about-the-leader-staff-relationship/)
 - a) No matter how godly you think your view of the staff and volunteers is, what could you do to make it even more so?
 - b) Did any of the four reasons why leaders don't express appreciation hit close to home? Which one(s)? What can you do to get rid of that attitude?
- 4) List at least one thing you deeply appreciate about each of your direct reports, and find a way to let them know of your appreciation.