

# SERVANTHOOD

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**"Now, that I your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you should also wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." John 13:14-16 NIV**

A new reality-based television program takes executive officers of companies and places them in lower level positions within their own companies. The role swapping gives the executive a look at what their employees go through each day, and has even helped the executives implement effective changes in their companies.

John Selvaggio, President of Song Air Service, the low cost carrier of Delta Airlines was assigned the duties of loading food onto airplanes and later, emptying the plane's sewage tanks. Selvaggio discovered ways to reduce the turn-around time for planes by 40 minutes during his time working on the tarmac.

Third generation hotelier, and chief executive officer of Loews Hotels, Jonathan Tisch spent a week pushing housekeeping supplies and luggage carts at his company's Miami Beach hotel. He had never cleaned a bathroom before, but ended up scrubbing the floor under the watchful eye of his "supervisor."

Afterwards, Tisch decided to make changes in the staff uniforms. He said, "These just get way too hot. We need to change the fabric." He added, "We also need to upgrade the uniforms to make them look hip and trendy." Tisch's experiences also lead him to make some technological changes to reduce the time it takes to check in guests at the hotel.

Housekeeping supervisor Sara Roiz was charged with training CEO Jonathan Tisch in tasks from making beds to cleaning bathrooms. When asked if she would hire him as a hotel employee, she answered, "We'd have to see if he can make it through the three-week training period. Frankly, I don't think he can make it."

—*Bosses in Staffer Shoes Get a Reality Check*, March, 5, 2004. Submitted by Jim Sandell.

## If I Had But One Year

If I had but one year to live;  
One year to help; one year to give;  
One year to love; one year to bless;  
One year of better things to stress;  
  
One year to sing; one year to smile;  
To brighten earth a little while;

One year to sing my Master's praise;  
One year to fill with work my days;  
When I should stand before my Lord,  
One year to strive for a reward  
I think that I would spend each day,  
In just the very self-same way  
The call may come to cross the bar  
Or raptured be to meet my Lord  
At any time, and I must be  
Prepared to meet eternity.  
So if I have a year to live,  
Or just one day in which to give  
A pleasant smile, a helping hand,  
A mind that tries to understand  
A fellow-creature when in need,  
'Tis one with me—I take no heed;  
But try to live each day He sends  
To serve my gracious Master's ends.

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