

THE CHALLENGE

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Is Cornerstone your church? Let us know!

We want to know whom to count among the flock God has entrusted to us so that we can serve you well and involve you in serving others well.

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.
– 1 Peter 5:2 NLT

...“Feed my lambs.”...“Take care of my sheep.”
...“Feed my sheep.” – John 21:15-17 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Answer these questions with others to reflect upon and apply what you’ve heard. Watching online? Discuss in person or online with others who watched. On site? Our service includes time to circle up and discuss.

- 1. Where have you seen others-centered leadership? Give examples.**
- 2. If “Leadership is influence,” where would others say you have influence and thus exercise leadership?**
- 3. Of the characteristics of good leadership outlined in today’s message, which one is most applicable to your life and why?**

IN YOUR GROUP

Some Cornerstone Community groups may use the weekend message as the basis for their discussion. In a one-hour group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

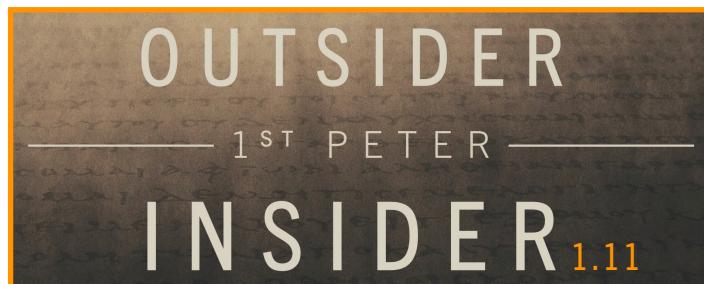
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AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.*

TODAY'S MESSAGE GOOD LEADERS

TODAY: LEADERSHIP • 1 PETER 5:1-7

THE BOTTOM LINE

GOOD LEADERS ARE

Care for the flock God has entrusted to you.
– 1 Peter 5:2 NLT

WE ARE ALL _____ AND

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Leadership is influence; nothing more, nothing less
– John Maxwell

And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches.
– 1 Peter 5:1a NLT

“Elders” is the Biblical designation for leaders, especially pastoral leaders, in the church. Borrowed from Christianity’s Judaic roots, the term is used interchangeably in the Bible with overseer (bishop) and shepherd (pastor), but unlike today’s usage, these positions did not indicate a distinct professional class or hierarchy. In the Scriptures, every believer is designated a priest, a minister, and a saint. Leaders in the church are tasked with equipping the congregation for ministry, not for doing ministry on behalf of the congregation. (For example, see 1 Peter 2:5 NLT, where

Peter says to the whole congregation, "You are his holy priests," and Ephesians 4:12 NLT, where Paul says of the church leaders, "Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work."

I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. – 1 Peter 5:1b NLT

As a fellow elder, I appeal to you:
Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.
– 1 Peter 5:1-2a NLT

Literally, "Shepherd the flock of God..." Here Peter picks up the pervasive Biblical theme of leadership as shepherding. Think of King David, Psalm 23, and Jesus describing himself as the "Good Shepherd" who sacrifices his life to save his sheep.

GOOD LEADERS ARE IN IT FOR THE RIGHT _____

BECAUSE YOU WANT TO, NOT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO

Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly–
– 1 Peter 5:2b NLT

*FOR WHAT YOU CAN PUT INTO IT,
NOT WHAT YOU CAN GET OUT OF IT*

not for what you will get out of it,
but because you are eager to serve God. – 1 Peter 5:2c NLT

...the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel
should receive their living from the gospel.
– 1 Corinthians 9:14 NIV

The Scriptures do not preclude those who work in the church from getting paid by the church. Paul's understanding that Jesus commanded it likely refers back to the teaching preserved in Matthew 10:10. There Jesus is sending out his disciples and tells them to receive what is offered because, "the worker is deserving of his support." (NASB) Likewise, Paul tells his apprentice Timothy in a letter about how to run the church that, "The elders who lead well are worthy of full pay." (1 Timothy 5:17 Davids)

TO SHOW PEOPLE WHAT TO DO, NOT TO TELL PEOPLE WHAT TO DO

Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care,
but lead them by your own good example. – 1 Peter 5:3 NLT

No bossily telling others what to do,
but tenderly showing them the way. – 1 Peter 5:3 MSG

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.
1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV

SEEING GOD'S _____ IN GOOD LEADERS IS THE KEY TO GOOD _____

And you are are younger must follow your leaders.
– 1 Peter 5:5 MSG

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority
of the elders. – 1 Peter 5:5 NLT

Whenever you see, "In the same way..." in the prescriptions related to authority in 1 Peter, think back to the beginning of 1 Peter 2:13, "For the Lord's sake..." We relate to our authorities in a way that recognizes their legitimacy comes from him, and our responsiveness honors him.

For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority–
– 1 Peter 2:13a NLT

The Bible's Teaching on Authority:

All authority is **God's** authority
which he **loans** to those in authority
for the _____ of those under that
authority and for which we will be held **accountable**.

Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery.
Why would you want to make things harder for them?
– Hebrews 13:17c MSG

They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the
strict supervision of God. – Hebrews 13:17b MSG

Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel.
– Hebrews 13:17a MSG

_____ IS KEY

And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one
another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the
humble." – 1 Peter 5:5 NLT

So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at
the right time he will lift you up in honor. – 1 Peter 5:6 NLT

Throughout 1 Peter there is a consistent emphasis on an imminent sense of eternity. In 1 Peter many of the pains described are in the present, and many of the rewards promised are in eternity, but eternity could break in at any time. Thus Peter promises a "a crown of never-ending glory and honor" as the motivating reward for elders who serve well. Thus also, the lifting-up-in-honor that comes from humbling ourselves under God's hand may not come in the present but will last for all eternity.

Cast all your cares upon he because he cares for you.
– 1 Peter 5:7

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