

1 Peter:

A Word to Leaders

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed.² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV)

Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 14:23 (NIV)

Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.

1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV)

A leader should be....

1. _____

*A man's pride shall bring him low;
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.*

Proverbs 29:23 (ASV)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

James 3:13 (NIV)

Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3 (HCSB)

• They are _____ flock, not _____.

2. _____

*Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge,
but whoever hates correction is stupid.*

Proverbs 12:1 (NIV)

*Whoever heeds life-giving correction
will be at home among the wise.
³² Those who disregard discipline despise themselves,
but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.
³³ Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord,
and humility comes before honor.
Proverbs 15:31-33 (NIV)*

*Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life,
but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.
Proverbs 10:17 (NIV)*

3. Motivated by _____.

*A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.
Luke 22:24-27 (NIV)*

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)*