



How to Lead with Integrity

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How to Lead Well

1. Don't lead because you **have** to but because you **want** to. (v.1-2)

1 Peter 5:1-2

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;

Where has God placed you as a leader and do you have a willing heart?

2. Don't influence others for what you **get** but for what you can **give**. (v.2)

1 Peter 5:2

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What do you have to offer that will truly bless others? (there is something!)

3. Don't lead because of a **position** of **power** but let your **life reflect** the lessons you want to teach. (v.3)

1 Peter 5:3

not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Why is it dangerous to only tell people and not model what we teach?

4. Always **remember** who **leads** and **rewards** you! (v.4)

1 Peter 5:4

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

How does Jesus, our Shepherd, lead us?

5. Lead from a place of humility and never be motivated by pride. (v.5-6)

1 Peter 5:5-6

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." [a] 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

What are indicators that humility is guiding you?

6. Lead with deep peace based on the love of Jesus. (v.7)

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

What are ways we can cast our anxieties on Jesus?

7. Recognize and step into the spiritual battles that are raging. (v.8-9)

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

What are ways you can resist the enemy?

8. Let God be your strength and foundation. (v.10-11)

1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

How does God give strength and a sound footing for life?