

Friday, November 18, 2022

## "Leadership" Part 2

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[1 Peter 5:1-11, pg. 1016 in the Pew Bibles](#)

Review- "Gift" series

My goal and prayer for this series is to teach a biblical balanced view of the gifts while empowering our people to find and live into theirs.

[Flip the script](#) on leadership

To lead in God's kingdom is to be a ["Sacrificial Servant"](#)

One of things I see in scripture about the Christian life and gifts, is that we all are called to them, each one... evangelize, teach, lead, encourage, etc. But some are especially called and GIFTED. BUT, each of these is empowered by the Spirit. We are called to LIVE BY THE SPIRIT in every aspect of our lives.

[If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25](#)

["A spiritual gift is when the Holy Spirit manifests his presence and imparts his power into and through individual believers to enable them to exceed the limitations of their finite humanity so that they might faithfully and effectively fulfill certain ministry tasks for the building up of the body of Christ." Understanding Spiritual Gifts, Sam Storms](#)

This week, Leadership: Shepherds, Administrators & Leaders.

**Vs. 1 Elders.** It's not the same words we see for elders in 1 Timothy & Titus in regards to the office of elder BUT, it's use in context is referring to

this office. This isn't without precedence, for we see the same use of the word "elders" in Acts 11:30, referring to the office of elder. Its original use is older, wise leaders, like it's use throughout the Gospels... "Chief priest and the elders".

So, what Peter has in mind is both, the mature AND the Elders or Shepherds of the Christian faith. Therefore the imperatives in this text are for any of us who are mature, especially the Pastor's of our church.

### **Read Vs. 2a**

1. Shepherd the flock
  1. Talk about shepherds. Staff is used for guiding AND discipline.
    1. The wondering sheep over the shoulders
2. Exercising Oversight→ "Take Care of"

He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and **took care** of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, '**Take care** of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Luke 10:34-35

### **Read vs. 2b-3, contrasting negative and positives**

3. Not under compulsion/ not for shameful gain/ not domineering

-This defines what Jesus refers to as a hireling.

He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. John 10:12-13

4. Willingly, eagerly, by example

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15

## **Read vs. 4, the promise**

**Read Vs. 5a, Younger.** There is org sheet to this. It's not a utopian society where all have the same authority. Younger Christians AND younger people are called to "submit" to Godly leadership! BUT Godly leadership is Sacrificial Servants who would lay down their lives for the sheep!!!

## **ALL OF US, Read Vs.5b-9**

**If this is our heart attitude, then we see how true community works!**

## **Leadership Slide**

### **Shepherds.**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, **the shepherds and teachers**, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12

### **Leads**

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; **the one who leads, with zeal**; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Romans 12:6-8

### **Administrators**

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, then gifts of **healing, helping, administering**, and various kinds of **tongues. 1 Cor. 12:27-28**

### **How they work together.**

### **Read verse 10-11**

## **Communion**

