

Growing in Grace

Leading not Lording

1 Peter 5:4-5

Passages to Read 2 Peter 1 2 3; 3 John

Study Questions

1. What is the Gentile style of leading? (Matt. 20:25-27)
2. How does the example of a father and child in 1 Tim. 3:4 illustrate the right kind of leading?
3. What are the differences between lording and leading?
4. How does Diotrephes manifest lording over? (3 John 9-10)
5. What are the evidences of a controlling person? Are you a controlling person?
6. What does it mean “those allotted to your charge?” How are you allotted? (1 Peter 5:3)
7. How do you prove to be examples? Are you living to show or showing how to live?
8. How do you show yourself an example? (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
9. Is it important that a leader have progress in his spiritual life? Why? (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
10. How does one advance so that it is clear and evident to all? (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
11. How does one neglect his spiritual gift? (1 Tim. 4:12-16)
12. What is an elder trying to manifest in his example? How are the sheep to react to this example? (1 Thes. 1:5-6; Phil. 3:17)
13. What did Paul model in 2 Thes. 3:7-9?
14. Are you called upon to follow the example of those walking like Christ? How do people pattern their lives after leaders whom they don't observe nor ask question nor get that close? (Phil. 3:17; 4:9)
15. How does one equip the saints? Eph. 4:11
16. Are you an equipped saint? What further training do you need to carry on the ministry that God has called you to do?
17. What is the reward of a good leader? How should it affect his present performance? (1 Peter 5:4)
18. How do these verses describe the Lord as a Shepherd? (1 Peter 2:25; John 10:11; Heb. 13:20)
19. How are the crowns described:
 - a. 1 Cor. 9:25
 - b. 1 Thes. 2:19
 - c. 2 Tim. 4:8
 - d. Jam. 1:12
20. In what two ways is this crown described and what does it mean? (1 Peter 5:4)
21. Does future reward motivate you to serve? How does it motivate you? In what ways has it changed your actions in the last year? If future rewards do not motivate you to greater service then what does?

Key Verse 1 Peter 5:3

Prayer Focus Thank God for the examples in your life. Ask God if your progress is clearly seen by others.