

The Making of a Leader III

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV)

5 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.

I. Leaders are to care for those they lead as a Shepherd cares for sheep (v.2a)

In John chapter 10, Jesus demonstrates how He leads as the Good Shepherd

Shepherds spend time to build trust with their sheep (John 10:4)

Shepherds provide for the needs of their sheep (John 10:9)

Shepherds protect sheep from danger (John 10:11-13)

II. Leaders are to serve with the right motives (v.2b)

We serve because we see a need that we desire to meet
Matthew 9:36 (TLB) says, ³⁶ *And what pity he felt for the crowds that came, because their problems were so great and they didn't know what to do or where to go for help. They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

We serve because we feel called by God to do so
Ephesians 2:10 (TLB) says, *It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.*

We serve because to bring glory to God
Matthew 5:16 says, *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

III. Leaders are to be examples to their followers (v3)

Leaders are to provide an example of good character

Leaders are to provide an example of a good work ethic

Leaders are to provide an example of honoring God in all that we do