

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

Quality Church Leadership

1 Peter 5.1-4

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*Christian churches are to have
a properly constituted leadership,
recognised and respected by all*

Titus 1.5; Acts 14.21-23; 1 Thess 5.12-13

*the quality of a church's leadership
will determine the quality of the church
since spiritual leadership is by example v3*

1. The Terminology for Church Leadership

➤ **Leaders** *Ac 15.25; 25.5; Gal 2.2; Heb 13.7,17,24*

➤ **Elders: a Jewish term - spiritual maturity**
1 Tim 3.6; Tit 1.9; 2 Tim 2.2; Phil 3.10-16

➤ **Overseer: a secular term - spiritual function**
1 Tim 3.4-5; Tit 1.6; 1 Thess 5.12; Heb 13.17

➤ **Shepherd: a Biblical term - a pastoral picture**
John 21.15-17; Ezek 34.11-16

But whose flock? Not ours, but God's v2,4

bought with his own blood Ac 20.28

beware of possessiveness Ac 20.30

only Jesus speaks of "My church" Mat 16.18

2. The Spirit of Church Leadership, v2

- ***Not a mere duty – it's more than 'a job'***
- ***God looks for willing workers***
2 Cor 8.7-8; 9.7; 1 Tim 3.2; 1 Pet 4.9
- ***Not motivated by personal gain:***
"there's something in this for me"
1 Tim 3.3; 6.9-10; Tit 1.7
beware of every kind of greed Lk 12.15
- ***Be eager to serve God and others 4.10***
Jesus is our perfect example
Mark 10.45; John 13.12-17

3. The Manner for Church Leadership, v3

- ***Not domineering Luke 22.24-27***
***“don’t drive like a cowboy,
lead like a shepherd”***
- ***Set the right example***
***1 Cor 11.1; Phil 3.17; 4.9; 2 Thess 3.7;
1 Tim 4.12; Tit 2.7***
emphasis is on personal qualities
1 Tim 3.1-7; 2 Tim 2.24; Tit 1.6-8
***“shepherds must be amongst the sheep
as well as over them”***

4. The Incentives for Church Leaders, v4

- ***The appearance of our Chief Shepherd***
Jesus will be the judge of our work for him
1 Thess 2.4; 1 Cor 3.10-15
- ***A crown of unfading glory***
we shall be like him forever
1 John 3.3; Col 3.4; Is 28.5