

Leaders Worth Following



READ: 1 Peter 5:1-7

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.

- ⁵ 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."

- ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand,
that he may lift you up in due time.
⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

REFLECTION: Think about the people you know who have made a life-changing difference in your life. What was it they said and did that made such an impact on you?

But among you it will be different.
Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant.
Matthew 20:26

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

Reflect and discuss the following leadership insights from these leaders...

The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love,
not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion.
Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those
who humble themselves to serve. John Stott

Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.
Albert Schweitzer

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.
John C. Maxwell

Jesus said several times, "Come, follow me."
His was a program of "do what I do," rather than "do what I say."
His innate brilliance would have permitted him to put on a dazzling display,
but that would have left his followers far behind. He walked and worked with
those he was to serve. His was not a long-distance leadership. He was not
afraid of close friendships; he was not afraid that proximity to him would
disappoint his followers. The leaven of true leadership cannot lift others
unless we are with and serve those to be led.
Spencer W. Kimball

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