



Week #5: Leading, Living and Lasting

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1 Peter 5:1-4 (NLT)

- **Christian Leadership is to _____ for the flock that _____ has entrusted to you.**
 - Lead _____, not grudgingly.
 - Lead because you are eager to _____, not for what you will get out of it.
 - Lead by your own _____, don't lord it over people.
 - Lead for _____ recognition, not short-lived rewards.

- **What leadership adjustments do you need to make?**

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but gives grace to the humble.”*

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1 Peter 5:5-7 (NLT)

- **Everyone should lead and live with _____.**
 - **Where do you need to lead/live with more humility?**

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

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1 Peter 5:8-12 (NLT)

- Stand firm and receive _____ .
 - Where do you need God's grace to keep standing firm?

Discussion Questions

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2. How can you stay vigilant and resist the adversary in your daily life?
3. How can you support and encourage your church leaders in their role as shepherds?

Recommended Resources

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