

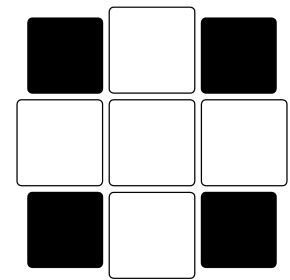
# Gospel Leadership

Scripture: **1 Peter 5:1-6**

Series: **Standing in Grace**

Sunday, November 9, 2014

Corroborating Texts: John 10:11-15; Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 1:28-29; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 2:28; 1 Corinthians 9:25



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## Overview

Good and lasting leadership stems from an ongoing experience of Jesus Christ and the gospel.

## Discussion Questions

1. How does this passage directed to elders apply to you? How can you diagnose the spiritual temperature of the leadership, and their blamelessness as they lead?
2. Verses 1 and 2 instruct leaders to care for the people. What happens when pastors wrongly assume a church is theirs rather than God's? [entitlement, indebtedness] What can happen when programs or worldly success trumps loving and caring for people? What does caring for people first and foremost look like in the Church?
3. Leaders know the goal. Look at Colossians 1:28 and John 10:11-15. How are you appropriating this passage in your life for the sake of the Church? For the sake of your family? How have you grown here over the past year? How might you grow here more?
4. What is the difference between doing something out of duty and compulsion rather than out of joy and delight in the Lord? How often do you find yourself doing things out of duty rather than delight? How do you discover delight in those things that find to be drudgery?
5. Leaders must love. Look at verse 3. This verse shows us what *not* loving looks like. How does this look? [domineering, controlling, not listening, etc.] When have you seen a leader behave like this? When have you behaved like this? When have you seen a leader love well and be an example? When have you done this? What other verses demonstrate a good example? [1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; Philippians 3:17; Ephesians 5:2] Discuss these verses.
6. Leaders must have the right motive. Look at verse 4. Why is it crucial to remember that there is a perfect chief shepherd? [no one's perfect; we all need a savior] What is our motive for leadership? [the pleasure of God in saving sinners] What is the crown in verse 4? [See 1 Corinthians 9:25, 2 Timothy 4:8] How do we discern the motives of leaders? What tests should we give them?
7. Look at verse 5. What are strengths of being an older one? What are strengths of being a younger one? If you are older, how can you handle younger ones in a loving way? If you are younger, how can you better receive leadership from older ones?