

The Qualities of a New Testament Leader - Part III

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1. Does this man have a true TESTIMONY of faith?

2. Does this man handle his first ministry, his FAMILY, with care?

3. Are his _____ for serving pure?

In verse 1, Peter relates to his audience on three levels:

- Peter speaks as a fellow _____.
- Peter speaks as an _____.
- Peter speaks as _____ of the blessings of saving grace

He then lines out a pattern of three contrasting motivating factors. The contrasts help his audience see what SHOULD NOT motivate them, and what SHOULD motivate them.

Contrast #1

NEGATIVE: Some lead out of _____...

QUESTION: Is all compulsion necessarily negative? Can you think of some examples of positive compulsion?

A man may be negatively compelled by _____.

A man may be negatively compelled by _____.

A man may be negatively compelled by personal _____.

POSITIVE: The Biblical leader should serve _____...

Isaiah gives us an example of this motivation in the sixth chapter of his prophecy.

The heavenly call of God is often made to servants who are not INITIALLY willing. Over time those who pursue Jesus begin to see that willingness may not be the *first* response of the heart, it is the *best* response of the heart.

Contrast #2

NEGATIVE: Some lead for _____ gain...

Not all gain is shameful, but some of it is...

POSITIVE: The biblical leader should serve _____

How is serving *eagerly* different than serving *willingly*?

Contrast #3

NEGATIVE: Some lead in order to _____...

The shameful gains available to those who have been blessed with a leadership position have the potential to turn a shepherd into a _____.

We see examples of this violence and manipulation in 1 Samuel 2:12-17 and Luke 3:10-14.

POSITIVE: The biblical leader should be _____

For the godly leader, the goal is not simply productivity. It goes beyond achieving goals. The 'product' is the people themselves, because the Great Commission is about producing faithful disciples. That is just as true of the *leader* as it is for the ones being *lead*

*Because Jesus is the only *perfect* example, a godly leader must be exemplary in _____, as an example to the flock that he is leading.