

1 Peter 5:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Analysis

Peter continues: don't domineer, but be examples. Lead by character not coercion. Most influential leaders lead through character.

Historical Context

Jesus contrasted kingdom leadership with worldly domination. Reformed tradition resisted papal absolute authority.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do leaders be examples rather than lord over flock?
2. Why is character-based leadership more effective?

Interlinear Text

μηδ	ώς	κατακυριεύοντες	τῶν	κλήρων	ἀλλὰ	τύποι
Neither	as	being lords over	G3588	God's heritage	but	ensamples
G3366	G5613	G2634		G2819	G235	G5179
γινόμενοι	τοῦ	ποιμνίου·				
being	G3588	to the flock				
G1096		G4168				

Additional Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 3:9 (Parallel theme): Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

Philippians 3:17 (Parallel theme): Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Ezekiel 34:4 (Parallel theme): The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

1 Timothy 4:12 (Parallel theme): Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2 Corinthians 1:24 (Parallel theme): Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Titus 2:7 (Parallel theme): In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

Acts 20:28 (References God): Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Psalms 33:12 (References God): Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Psalms 74:2 (Parallel theme): Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.

1 Corinthians 11:11 (References Lord): Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.

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