

Leadership Principles from 1Peter

Set Apart (Demonstrate Core Values)

God wants to have complete control of your mind. Read [1Peter 1:13-16](#). Consider how you can apply the following four suggestions for being a leader who is set apart from the crowd.

Gird your Mind prepare your mind	You answer to God (Job 38:3 and Eph 6:14).
Give your Attention "be sober"	Pay attention to what's happening and cry out to God when you get off track (1The 5:6 and 1Pet 5:8).
Guard your Heart "rest your hope"	The more you focus on your future inheritance, the more joy you will have (Rom 15:12-13 and Php 4:7).
Guide your Lifestyle behave to please God	Every step you take toward becoming like Christ pleases Him (1The 2:12 and Eph 6:6).

Steward of Your Gifts (Achieve Results)

What is the purpose of the gifts God has given you? Read [1Peter 4:10-11](#). What can you do to be certain you are being a good steward of the gifts God has given you?

Practice What You Preach (Engage Others)

Peter could speak credibly about persecutions because he endured them himself. He **practiced** what he **preached** ([1Pet 4:12-14](#)). In [Acts 5](#) we can see how he suffered for his faith. [Acts 12](#) reports his imprisonment. Eventually, the Romans crucified him upside down instead of right-side up. Peter's message is more reliable because he backed it up with his life. Leader, do others take your requests seriously? If not, check your life to see if you are doing what you ask others to do. Do you have credibility?

Not about You (Demonstrate Core Values)

Read [1Peter 5:1-2](#) and compare to [John 21:16](#). Notice the growth Peter had made as a leader. Valid reasons for being a leader are because you want to do God's will and because you want to please Him. It's not about you. What is your reason for being a leader? Now read [1Peter 5:3-4](#). What should characterize your interaction with those under your care? If you do God's will as a leader, what reward will you receive?

Good Role Model (Engage Others)

There will be times when you influence others (leadership). Peter tells us to serve as good role models and not treat those in our care harshly ([1Pet 5:2-3](#)).

- ▶ Have you ever had someone "in charge" treat you unfairly or harshly? What thoughts and feelings did you have in that circumstance?
- ▶ Have you ever been "in charge" of a person or group? Did you enjoy the experience? Why/why not? Were you a good role model?
- ▶ What is a reason you might want to be a leader?

Earn a Reward? (Achieve Results)

If you serve the Lord will as a leader, what reward does Peter say you will earn ([1Pet 5:4](#))? What is special about the reward?

Cooperate (Engage Others)

Sometimes a leader's job is more difficult because the followers do not cooperate. What does Peter advise us to do as we interact with leaders ([1Pet 5:5-7](#))?