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### The Biblical Model For Church Leadership

Each Christian congregation  
is led by a team of elders.

1 Peter 5:1, NIV

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed...

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### The Biblical Function Of Church Leaders

Elders GUIDE the people of  
God entrusted to them.

1 Peter 5:1-2, NIV

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder...  
Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...

John 21:16, NLT

Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter said, "you know I love you."  
"Then take care of my sheep," Jesus said.

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### The Biblical Function Of Church Leaders

Elders **GUARD** the people of God entrusted to them.

1 Peter 5:2, NIV

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them...

Acts 20:28, NIV

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

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### The Biblical Way To Lead

Elders should be joyful, whole-hearted volunteers.

1 Peter 5:2

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be (NIV) ...willingly, not grudgingly (NLT)

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### The Biblical Way To Lead

Elders should do their work enthusiastically, without thought of personal gain.

1 Peter 5:2, NLT

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve...

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**The Biblical Way To Lead**

**Elders should be inspirational role models instead of bossing people around.**

1 Peter 5:3, NLT

Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.

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**The Biblical Promise To Elders**

**Those who shepherd well will receive a glorious reward from the "Chief Shepherd."**

1 Peter 5:4, NIV

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

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**In A Healthy (Humble) Church...**

**The people follow their leaders  
because the leaders are worthy of their respect.**

1 Peter 5:5, NIV

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

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