

Saturday

Finish any devotions you may have missed; work on the memory verse on the previous page. Please pray for the Jesus Journey fall series as we put the finishing touches on the book and videos. Pray for the services this weekend, too, and for our church to continue to grow and change lives as we become more like Jesus. Thanks!

LIVING HOPE

PART 10

Leading with Integrity

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1 PETER 5:1-7

Three keys to leading with integrity:

1. Start _____

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers... *1 Peter 5:1-2a*

- Choose _____ over duty

...not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...
1 Peter 5:2b

- Choose _____ over getting

...not greedy for money, but eager to serve... *1 Peter 5:2c*

- Choose being _____ over being _____

...not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.
1 Peter 5:3

Keep your eye on the _____

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. *1 Peter 5:4*

2. Start _____

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. *1 Peter 5:5-6*



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3. Stop _____

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. *1 Peter 5:7*

Bottom line:

Lead _____ !

NEXT WEEK:

**THE VERY SPECIAL CONCLUSION
OF OUR "LIVING HOPE" SERIES! DON'T MISS IT!**

Daily Meditations

Monday

We all desire to live a life that makes an impact on the world around us. What did you learn this past weekend that will help you make a positive impact on the people around you?

Look at Matthew 23:4–10. What does Jesus criticize the religious leaders for?

How does this relate to Peter's advice to leaders?

Pray for your leaders today. Ask God to help them be the humble, servant leaders he desires. You are a leader, too, in some way: As a parent, spouse, co-worker, student, friend. You are leading someone somewhere. Pray that God will help you lead in the way Peter describes.

Tuesday

Read 1 Peter 5:1–3. How does serving help you lead a significant life?

What situations are you facing where you can . . .

- Choose devotion over duty?
- Choose giving over getting?
- Choose influence over being in control?

Thank God today for the example Jesus set for you in serving others. Ask God to help you today to choose devotion, giving, and influence in the situations you will face.

Wednesday

Read Philippians 2:3, Colossians 3:12, and 1 Peter 5:5–6. The principle of staying humble can be so difficult to actually practice in daily life! What are some aspects of humility you see described in these verses?

Twice in these verses we're told to "clothe yourselves in humility". What does that mean, practically, to you? How do you live that out in your daily life?

Recall a time when you responded to a situation with humility and another time when you responded with pride. What difference did responding with humility make?

Ask God today to help you stay humble and apply what you studied in His word today.

Thursday

Read Matthew 6:31–34 and 1 Peter 5:7. These verses don't just tell you to stop worrying; they give you a good reason to stop worrying. What is it?

What's the biggest obstacle you face in giving your cares to God?

When you stop worrying, how does that help you live a life of greater impact?

What worries are you currently clinging to?

Take some time today to cast those anxieties on God. Because He cares for you! Ask Him to guide you and then leave your anxious feelings with Him. Thank Him for His unending care for you.

Friday

Read 1 Peter 5:1–7 again. What has been the most significant lesson from this passage for you this week?

What changes have you made in your life because of what you've learned?

How does the example of Jesus Christ illustrate to you what servant leadership is, and how it can change the world?

Thank God today for the practical help you receive from His word. Ask Him to help you apply what you've learned.



Memory Verse

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another. . .
1 Peter 5:5b