



***An Inheritance***  
**Step Up & Lead**  
**1 Peter 5**

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**What Was An Elder?** 1 Peter 5:1-2, 1 Timothy 3:2-7, Titus 1:6-9

- People who were more mature, who were respected with good judgment and experience, who weren't known for living double lives, were the ones that the faith community looked to as needs arose to step up and lead.
- Qualifications included things like being self-controlled, a good reputation with outsiders, not controlling or lover of money, a hothead or a recent convert to the faith. Such a person has the Godly characteristics of those who have been walking with Christ for a while.

**Step Up and Lead**

- Do you have the characteristics in your life - to step up and lead? Is in the New Testament in places like 1 Peter 5, 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1? Then the question isn't if God wants to use you to lead, but how He wants you to lead.
- Is it time for you - in some area of your life - to step up and lead? Is God calling you to some small area of responsibility with God's people to take a step forward? Not because you *must*, but because you *may*.

**Three Conditions to Christian Leadership in 1 Peter 5:**

**1. Lead because you are willing, not under compulsion.** 1

Peter 5:2a

- If you are serving because you feel like you have to, then your heart will not be in it and God won't be glorified.

**2. Lead for Godly reasons, not to benefit yourself.** 1 Peter

5:2b

- If your motivation isn't that you are eager to serve and help those that God has equipped you to be able to help, then don't lead.

**3. Lead out of humility, not to control others.** 1 Peter 5:3

- Do not lead for the lust for power and prestige, or attention.
- Practice a life of mutual submission.
- A Life of humility.

**If you are not yet called to lead, serve humbly and submissively.** 1 Peter 5:5