

Integrity of a Servant - Leaders not Lords

1 Peter 5.1-9

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Intro - I want to talk to you about what should motivate us in our ministry call. While my message may appear initially to be for pastors please don't turn me off in your heart. God wants to speak to all of us about our motives.

1. Servanthood - the foundation of ministry. Mt. 20.25-28

Sandals not shoes - walk of servant

Sincerity not suits - the "look" of a servant
We are to clothe ourselves

Sympathetic not slick - the emotion of the servant
Our call is to lovingly lead the sheep by our example!

2. Servanthood - the motivation for ministry. John 10.10-15 "Lays down life for the sheep"

The decision to die - if I could just die for them once it would be cool but I have to "die daily"!!

Dying to deliver - in my death I bring change and deliverance to the people.

Deliverance to destiny - ultimately they discover destiny thru my death.

3. Servanthood - the reward for ministry. Mt. 25.45 "Did it unto the least of these"

Purpose of God - to bless the broken

Prospering in God - to him who has more given Matt. 25.29

Pleasing God - to hear Him say, "Well done" Matt. 25.21