

**-Acts 20:17-38**

**-Colossians 1:28-29 (ESV) 28**

**Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in**

**Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.**

**-Method: Example**

**-Means: The Word of God**

**-Revelation 1:20 (ESV) As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.**

***-Paul: Example of Exempling;  
The Biblical Principle of  
Perpetuation***

**-Revelation 2:1 (ESV) “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.’”**

**-Ephesians 1:22 (ESV) And he  
put all things under his feet  
and gave him as head over all  
things to the church,**

**-Ephesians 5:23 (ESV) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.**

**-Colossians 1:18 (ESV) And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.**

**-Colossians 2:18-19 (ESV) 18 Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.**

**-1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV) 4 As you  
come to him, a living stone  
rejected by men but in the sight of  
God chosen and precious, 5 you  
yourselves like living stones are  
being built up as a spiritual  
house, to be a holy priesthood, to  
offer spiritual sacrifices  
acceptable to God through Jesus  
Christ.**

**-Titus 1:5 (ESV) This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders (plural) in every (singular) town as I directed you--**

**-Acts 14:23 (ESV) And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.**

**-John 13:15 (ESV) For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. (Servant leadership)**

**-1 Peter 5:1-3 (ESV) 1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.**

**-1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV) Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**

**-The first and great principle of the method of exempling is consistency.**

**-2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV) 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**

**-Means: the Word**

**-Matthew 28:20 (ESV) “...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”**

**-1 Peter 5:6-11 (ESV) 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever.**

**Amen.**