

Flip Side of Leadership

1 Peter 5:4

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Introduction

- Changes in education
 - Pressure today on classroom teacher's performances
 - Education's two-fold factors:
 - Quality and effectiveness of the teacher
 - Willingness of the student to listen and learn

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A. One Side: The Quality and Leadership Style of Leader

1. High standards for leaders—1 Tim. 3:2-4, 6-7
2. High standards for task of leaders—1 Peter 5:2-3

B. Flip Side: Response of the people to leaders

1. **Refusal to follow leadership**
 - a. Happens to the best: Jesus Christ
 - 1) Meets the high standard for leadership
 - 2) Israel's rejection of Jesus—Luke 13:34; John 1:11
 - b. Not Jesus' fault, but the people
2. **For the younger, submit to your elders—1 Peter 5:4**
 - a. "Young" is a relative term. Can mean young in age or young in spiritual maturity.
 - b. Submission is a foundational attitude of life. – civil authorities, employer, husband-wife relationship
 - c. Limitations to submission to human authority.
 - d. Need to beware of spiritual leaders who
 - 1) Teach contrary to God's Word—2 Pet. 2:1-3; 1 Tim. 6:3-5
 - 2) Live sinful lifestyles—2 Tim 3:2-7; 2 Pet. 2:13-14, 18-19
 - 3) Add their own legalistic restrictions to what God has commanded.—Matt. 23:23-26
 - a) Legalism binds, robbing of freedom in Christ.
 - b) Legalism blinds, masking the true heart condition.
3. **For ALL...**
 - a. *"Be submissive to one another"*
 - 1) Congregation to submit to spiritual leadership —1 Cor. 16:15-16; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7-9, 17
 - 2) Mutual Submission—Eph. 5:21
 - b. *"Be clothed with humility"*
 - 1) Clothed with the garment of a servant—John 13
 - 2) "Humility" means "lowliness of mind"—Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:3-4; Rom. 12:10
 - 3) Reason: *"God resists the proud but gives grace to humble"*