



# Heart of a Leader - 3/7/21

## OVERVIEW

Leadership matters, and nowhere does it matter more than in the local church body. The church is not a democracy; it's a theocracy. God is the leader of the church. So we ask ourselves, "What does the Bible have to say about this?" What guidelines does God give to our church elders? How do you live an above-reproach life?

Scriptures: 1 Peter 5:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9

## APPLICATION

1. Name a spiritual leader who has impacted you. What was it about their leadership style that you connected with?
2. Do you view yourself as a leader? If so, why or why not?
3. When 1 Peter 5:3 talks about leadership, it includes, "...not domineering over those in your charge, but **being examples** to the flock." How does this statement confirm or challenge your view of leadership and your view of yourself as a leader?
4. Jesus was our perfect example of how to fulfill the requirements of an elder. Looking through 1 Timothy 3:1-7, we see clear guidelines for elders in the church body. It talks about being "above reproach." How does your life reflect (or not reflect) an "above-reproach" life?
5. This week, how can you start the process of allowing God to make changes in you so that your life reflects an "above-reproach" life?

**HOMEWORK:** You heard Steve's story and how God is working in his heart and in the current elders at Blue Ridge. If you have any questions or would like to share any feedback with our elder team that might be on your heart, send an email to: [elders@blueridge.org](mailto:elders@blueridge.org).

