

To be good stewards

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10

To learn how to pray without giving up

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1

To love other believers

³⁴ *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* John 13:34-35

To live in unity with other believers

²⁰ *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* John 17:20-21

Scripture Prayer Guide

Using the Word of God

To Pray for Christian Leaders

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For Pastors and Church Leaders

For their responsibilities as shepherds

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

¹ *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—*

not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;

not greedy for money, but eager to serve;

³ *not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.*

⁴ *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.* 1 Peter 5:1-4

For their qualifications for service

¹ *Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. ² Now the overseer must be above reproach,*

the husband of but one wife,

temperate,

self-controlled,

respectable,

hospitable,

able to teach,

³ *not given to drunkenness,*

not violent but gentle,

not quarrelsome,

not a lover of money.

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⁴ He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) ⁶ He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. ⁷ He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

⁶ An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

⁷ Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless—

not overbearing,
not quick-tempered,
not given to drunkenness,
not violent,
not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸ Rather he must be hospitable,
one who loves what is good,
who is self-controlled,
upright,
holy
and disciplined.

⁹ He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Titus 1:6-9

For their due respect from the church

¹⁷ The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." ¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.

1 Timothy 5:17-19

Specifically for Deacons

For their qualifications for service

⁸ Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere,
not indulging in much wine,

and not pursuing dishonest gain.

⁹ They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.

¹⁰ They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

¹² A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well.

1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12

For their wives

In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

1 Timothy 3:11

Generally for Christian Leaders

For a servant attitude

⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45

Generally for Believers

(Every believer should strive to be a good leader.)

To set Christ apart in their hearts as Lord

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15

To be good examples for others

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1

To be generous givers

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38