

# **Responses, Requirements and Rewards of Lordship**

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I. Introduction. Text: I Peter 5.

II. Responsibility of leadership.

A. Leaders are to feed and lead.

B. We feed for growth and maturity, and we lead for guidance and motivation.

C. One way to evaluate our ministry is in the area of grace. (II Peter 3:17-18)

1. Grace is an ever-increasing experiential comprehension of the character of God, especially His kindness.

2. God wants to have a friendship relationship with us.

3. Many of us bring legalism into our relationships preventing us from growing in grace. (Exodus 32:11)

4. God called Abraham His friend. (James 2:23, II Chronicles 20)

5. The obedience of friends is based on grace and not performance. (Nehemiah 9, Micah 7:18-20, John 15:15)

D. Make sure you are nurturing your friendships. Someday we will need a friend when changes take place. (II Corinthians 7:6-7)

E. Friendship helps people grow in grace.

III. The rewards of leadership. Our reward is people.

IV. The requirements of leadership.

A. Submission.

B. Serenity. (Psalm 16, Acts 2:25)

C. Sobriety.

D. Stability.

E. Suffering.

**Application questions:**

1. What does Christian leadership look like? Explain.

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2. How does friendship relate to grace?

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3. What areas do you need to grow in the most as a leader? How can you go about this practically?

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