



The Notes

FULL DISCLOSURE Part 3: "Heavy Is the Staff"

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"Moses (to Joshua): *Select some of our best men, and go fight against the soldiers of Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand at the crest of that hill overlooking the battlefield with God's staff in my hand. Joshua did exactly as Moses had instructed him to do. He gathered the strongest men he could find and fought against the soldiers of Amalek. Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of the hill. It happened that whenever Moses raised his hand, the battle went well for Israel; but whenever he lowered his hand to rest, Amalek began to win. When Moses became too tired to hold his hands up any longer, Aaron and Hur took a stone and sat him down on it. Then both men stood beside Moses, one on each side, holding his hands up and keeping them steady until sunset. In the end, Joshua and the men of Israel defeated Amalek and his soldiers with the sword."*

Exodus 17:9-13 (TVB)

"I urge my fellow elders among you to be compassionate shepherds who tenderly care for God's flock and who feed them well, for you have the responsibility to guide, protect, and oversee. Consider it a joyous pleasure and not merely a religious duty. Lead from the heart under God's leadership—not as a way to gain finances dishonestly but as a way to eagerly and cheerfully serve. Don't be controlling tyrants but lead others by your beautiful examples to the flock. And when the Shepherd-King

appears, you will win the victor's crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, the younger ones should willingly support the leadership of the elders. In every relationship, each of you must wrap around yourself the apron of a humble servant. Because: God resists you when you are proud but multiplies grace and favor when you are humble."

1 Peter 5:1-5 (TPT)

I'LL LIFT UP GOD'S LEADERS BY SHUTTING DOWN...

1. ...UNREALISTIC AND UNHEALTHY EXPECTATIONS

"Don't be in any rush to become a teacher, my friends. Teaching is highly responsible work. Teachers are held to the strictest standards. And none of us is perfectly qualified. We get it wrong nearly every time we open our mouths. If you could find someone whose speech was perfectly true, you'd have a perfect person, in perfect control of life."

James 3:1-2 (MSG)

2. ...THE THINGS THAT STRESS, OVERWHELM AND DISCOURAGE THEM

"And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and

build up the body of Christ. These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed in the abundance of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (TPT)

3. ...THE THINGS THAT FUEL THEIR BURNOUT AND EXHAUSTION

“Here are my instructions: diligently guard yourselves, and diligently guard the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has given you oversight. Shepherd the church of God, this precious church which He made His own through the blood of His own Son.”

Acts 20:28 (TVB)

“Obey your spiritual leaders and recognize their authority, for they keep watch over your soul without resting since they will have to give an account to God for their work. So it will benefit you when you make their work a pleasure and not a heavy burden.”

Hebrews 13:17 (TPT)

4. ...UNBIBLICAL AND HARMFUL BELIEFS ABOUT MONEY

“So those who preach the good news should also receive their living from their work. That is what the Lord has commanded.”

1 Corinthians 9:14 (NIRV)

“The pastors who lead the church well should be paid well. They should receive double honor for faithfully preaching and teaching the revelation of the Word of God. For the Scriptures have taught us: ‘Do not muzzle an ox or forbid it to eat while it grinds the grain.’ And also, “The one who labors deserves his wages.”

1 Timothy 5:17-18 (TPT)

5. ...THE TARGETED ATTACKS OF TOXIC PEOPLE

“Don’t you dare lay a hand on my anointed, don’t hurt a hair on the heads of my prophets.”

Psalm 105:15 (MSG)

“Listen, when or if a charge comes against an elder, don’t even acknowledge the accusation unless there are two or more witnesses. Bring any believers who persist in sinning before the community and publicly scold them so that all the rest will know to fear sin and its consequences.”

1 Timothy 5:19-20 (TVB)