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1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

“[The perfect pastor] condemns sins, but never upsets anyone. He studies from 8am until midnight and is also the janitor. He makes \$60 a week...and gives about \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years old and has been preaching for 30 years... The Perfect Pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work... He spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched and is always in his office when needed.”

- Philip Ryken

**What does a Godly leader look like?
How can I be led well?**

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For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Galatians 1:10

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“Gentleness is not being weak or fluffy. Gentleness is the power to control your strength, and to use it to protect and not harm.”

- J Aaron Gruben

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“The authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love...Leaders have power, but power is safe only in the hands of those who humble themselves to serve.”

- John Stott

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- 4. Strive for holiness and challenge others to do the same (v11-12)**

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**“You received the Word of God
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