

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 5: Servant Leadership

Q: Strauch made this strong statement, “Eldership will never work if the elders don’t understand or fall short of a total commitment to Christ’s principles of self sacrificing love and humble servanthood” (pg. 86). Do you think he is overstating his point or is he right? Explain

A: _____

Q: Strauch gives a brief survey of Jesus teaching on servant leadership. How do these passages inform this subject?

- Matt. 11:29 _____
- Mk. 9:33-35 _____
- Mk. 10: 35-45 _____
- Matt. 23:1-12 _____
- Lk. 22:24-27 _____
- Jn. 13:3-17 _____

Q: So much of what is said in this chapter boils down to the issues of pride and humility. What can we do to avoid pride in our lives? What can we do to nurture humility in our lives?

A: _____

Q: Strauch wrote that, “Conflict among elders is a serious, all too common problem” (pg. 96). How do the principles studied above impact the way that the *leaders* work with each other?

A: _____

