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Overview: An exegetical research paper will be my focus for this project.

Abstract: My project will focus on “The leadership ladder of the New Testament”. This research will attempt to define the leadership hierarchy of the New Testament, define the titles which identified leadership and build a bridge to its’ impact on the 21st century. My scripture reference will be Philippians 4, with an emphasis on verses 2 & 3. Are the issues Paul had with the leaders such as Eudias and Syntyche relevant to church leaders today? I’d like to research Clement “the Bishop of the church in Rome”. What are the similarities and differences of the role of Bishop’s and Apostles of the New Testament as compared to those of today. The Philippian church is a prophetic mirror to the churches and its leadership in our time. I’d like to exegete Philippians Chapter 4 and hear Paul, the great Apostle to the gentiles, speak to leadership today.

Target Audience: The target audience are ministry leaders. This project can be a prelude to an article, book, or training manual for leaders. It will also benefit and strengthen leaders to glean from the scriptures when facing ministerial challenges. I’d like the audience to identify the issues the Philippian church had and compare it to their own church community. Are the issues of the New Testament church relevant to the church of today? If so, is the letter Paul wrote relevant and applicable to their lives? I desire the outcomes will be a renewed commitment to serving Christ.

Rationale: This project targets some of the challenges the church faces today. There are leaders hungry for elevations and have the same self-centeredness the Philippians had. The letter Paul writes to the Philippians can easily apply to ministry today. This project will evaluate theological

issues and will draw conclusions relevant for current trends in the church. The research afforded to this project can give others the ability to articulate how exegesis of a specific passage will elevate their understanding to another level. Private devotion and bible study will never be the same. This project will help me to train others with greater insight and knowledge of applying scripture properly to a topic. It will also contribute to my personal dedication and commitment to the call of God.

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