First Peter Series - A Living Hope

“Shepherding God’s Flock”

1 Peter 5:1-4

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Introduction:
A. Times of persecution demand that God’s people have adequate spiritual

B. _______ times demand ________ leaders who will rise to the challenge.

C. These principles can be applied to leadership in all kinds of settings and

I. The ________ of Elders. (5:1)
A. New Testament churches were organized under the leadership of

and ________.

B. Three Greek Terms
   1. “________” - presbuterion - spiritual maturity.
   2. “________” or “bishop” - episkopos - guardianship.
   3. “________” or “pastor” - poimenos - feeding, guiding.

C. The Plurality of Elders
   1. Protects the church against ________.
   2. Preserves the church from ________.
   3. Protects the church from ________.

II. The ________ of Elders. (5:2)
A. Notice who’s flock elders are shepherding - ________.

B. The first motive has to do with serving ________ and ________.

C. The second motive that must guarded against is serving only for

reasons.

D. That doesn’t mean that a Christian worker doesn’t deserve to be

_______, but there is a big difference between receiving money and

serving money. (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

III. The ________ that Elders Lead. (4:14-16)
A. There is a big difference between leadership and ________.

B. Rather than lord it over the sheep, elders are called to be ________
to the flock.

Conclusion:
A. When our Chief Shepherd returns, He will give unfading crowns of ______
to the faithful shepherds of His flock.

B. The goal of us all should be to hear: “Well done good and faithful ______.”

Answer Key: Intro.A. leadership. B. Hard, strong. C. relationships. I. Ministry. I.A.
imbalance. I.C.3. discontinuity. II. Motives. II.A. God’s. II.B. willingly, voluntarily.
glory. B. servant.