

First Peter Series - A Living Hope

“Shepherding God’s Flock”

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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. elders, deacons. I.B.1. elders. I.B.2. overseer. I.B.3. shepherd. I.C.1. error. I.C.2. imbalance. I.C.3. discontinuity. II. Motives. II.A. God’s. II.B. willingly, voluntarily. II.C. financial. II.D. paid. III. Manner. III.A. dictatorship. III.B. examples. Concl.A. glory. B. servant.