

I. PETER EXHORTS ELDERS TO SHEPHERD THE CHURCH (1 PETER 5:1-3)

- A. Peter identifies himself as an Elder, exhorting Elders (**1 Peter 5:1; 1 Peter 1:1**)
1. Like Peter, local church Elders have delegated authority and are undershepherds of the Chief Shepherd (**1 Peter 2:25; 5:4; John 21:15-17**)
 2. Local churches should have Elders (**Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5-11, 13; Philippians 1:1**)
- B. Peter's exhortation is for Elders to shepherd the church exercising oversight (**1 Peter 5:2; 1 Timothy 5:17**)
1. An overseer, elder, or pastor are interchangeable, which means authority and caring form the concept of what it means to shepherd (**Matthew 2:6; 1 Peter 2:25; Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Timothy 3:4-5**)
 2. To Shepherd well, the Elders must know the flock (**John 10:17, 27**), they must feed the flock (**John 21:15, 17; 1 Timothy 3:2-3; Titus 1:9; Ephesians 4:11-14**), they must lead the flock (**John 10:27; Hebrews 13:7, 17**), they must protect the flock (**John 10:10-14; Acts 20:29; Titus 1:9-11**)
- C. The manner of shepherding is to be willing, eager, and an example (**1 Peter 5:2-3**)
1. Elders should be willing and eager to shepherd (**1 Peter 5:2; 1 Timothy 3:1; John 10:12-13**)
 2. Elders should be examples to the flock (**1 Peter 5:3; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Matthew 23:1-7; Romans 2:17-23**)

II. WHEN JESUS, THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, FAITHFUL ELDERS WILL BE CROWNED WITH GLORY (1 PETER 5:4)

- A. Faithful Elders help faithful Christians prepare for glory (**Philippians 1:25-26; 2 Corinthians 1:24; 2 Timothy 2:10; 1 Peter 1:5, 7; 4:13**)
- B. Faithful Elders will receive a crown of glory for their work (**1 Peter 5:4, 1; 1 Corinthians 3:7-14**)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What does it mean for an Elder to be called an “undershepherd”?

2. What are the four things Elders must do the shepherd well? How does Jesus demonstrate these as the Chief Shepherd? What is the significance of each aspect?

3. Why is it important for Elders to be examples to the church?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Exhort –

Exemplify –

Shepherd –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD