

FIRST PETER The Christian's Life in Exile —Part 26

5:1-4— “Shepherding God’s People”—October 4, 2015

“Leaders should teach their flock by clear example how to pray, evangelize, study the Bible, love and lead a wife, train children, deal with adversity, face persecution, make difficult decisions, and put temptations to death by the Spirit.”

—Andrew Davis, *Shepherding God’s Flock*

The Christian’s Election and Exile—1 Pet. 1:1-2

The Christian’s Position in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:4-10

The Christian’s Living Hope—1 Pet. 1:3-11

The Christian’s Obligations in the People of God—1 Pet. 2:11-3:12

The Christian’s Life in Relation to God—1 Pet. 1:13-2:3

The Christian’s Sufferings—1 Pet. 3:13-3:22

The Christian’s Conduct—1 Pet. 4:1-11

The Christian’s Instructions for Suffering Well—1 Pet. 4:12-5:14

Exhortation to the Elders—1 Peter 5:1-4

“¹ So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”

Peter’s Exhortation: _____ [poimainō] the flock of God!

This exhortation recalls Jesus’ last words to Peter in John 21:15-19, “_____ my sheep.”

Peter’s Qualifications:

- ⇒ He is a fellow *elder* [presbuteros]:
- ⇒ He is a fellow *witness* of Christ:
- ⇒ He is a fellow *partaker* of future glory :

The Work of the Shepherd:

Exercising *Oversight* [episkopeō]:

- ⇒ This includes watching, directing, and protecting their _____ interests:

The Manner of the Shepherd's Oversight:

- He is to shepherd willingly rather than under constraint.

⇒ Oversight is to be performed with a due sense of _____ to God
- He is to shepherd eagerly, but not for the sake of shameful gain. (1 Sam. 2:22-26; 8:1-5)

⇒ The goal of proper oversight is great gain for the _____ rather than for the shepherd.
- He is to set an example for the flock rather than domineering over them.

⇒ Proper oversight includes the _____ of truth as well as its instruction and command.

Under-Shepherds & the Chief Shepherd:

- ⇒ It is the Chief Shepherd who sets the example of faithful service and who will reward those who faithfully serve in caring for His sheep.

1 Peter 5:1-2a: "Therefore, I exhort the elders [presbuteros] among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, shepherd [poimainō] the flock of God among you, exercising oversight [episkopeō] not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God."

1 Peter 2:25: "For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd [poimēn] and Guardian [episkopos] of your souls."

What is Peter doing in this passage?

Peter is emphasizing the necessity of godly leadership during times of _____.

Peter wants the sheep (Christians) and their shepherds (elders) to focus their worship on Jesus who is both the _____ of God and the Chief _____ (Rev.7:17)