

God's Good Leading

I Peter 5:1-7

I. An Urgent Command to the church's leaders: Lead as Caring Shepherds (vv. 1-4).

A. The Recipients of the Command (v. 1).

1. Elders
2. Elders among you.

B. The Giver of the Command (v. 1).

1. Fellow elder
2. Witness of the Cross
3. Fellow Christian

C. The Command (vv. 2-3).

1. It is a command
2. It is a command to shepherd
3. It is a command to shepherd exercising oversight.

D. The Motive for the Command (vv. 2-3).

1. According to God's Will and Your Will (v. 2a).
2. Not for profit but with whole heart (v. 2b).
3. Not as a dictator but as an example (v. 3).

E. The Reward of the Command (v. 4).

1. The Timing of the Reward (v. 4)
2. The Nature of the Reward (v. 4)

II. An Urgent Command to the Churches' Youth: Follow your leaders (v. 5).

A. The People

B. The Action

III. An Urgent Command to the Entire Church: Serve one another with humility (vv. 5-7).

A. What do we put on (v. 5)?

B. Why do we wear it (v. 5)?

C. What happens when we wear it (v. 6-7)?

1. God's exaltation (v. 6).

2. God's care-full provision (v. 7).