

Sermon Outline
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Shepherds and Flock
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Sermon Text: 1 Peter 5:1-5

Pastor/Elders duty

Shepherd God's Flock

1. With the right attitude- freely, willingly

So I exhort the elders among you [2] shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you

2. With the right motive- not for gain (\$ money, power, prestige)

not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

3. In the right manner- not driving the flock but leading them, not domineering (LORDING) but setting an example for the sheep and bidding them follow.

[3] not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

4. With a true Awareness of the Chief Shepherd

[4] And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

Sheep/ Flock duty

1. Submit to the Elders (even if you are older than they are)

[5] Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders.

2. Submit to one another in humility

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 88. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

1 Timothy 4:6-8

What will your life look like without these shepherding offices?

Titus 1:12-16

We all need a future orientation

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The Larger Catechism (the terms “inferiors” and “superiors” here concern office not essential nature)

Q. 127. *What is the honor that inferiors owe to their superiors?*

A. The honor which inferiors owe to their superiors is, all due reverence in heart, word, and behavior; prayer and thanksgiving for them; imitation of their virtues and graces; willing obedience to their lawful commands and counsels; due submission to their corrections; fidelity to, defense, and maintenance of their persons and authority, according to their several ranks, and the nature of their places; bearing with their infirmities, and covering them in love, that so they may be an honor to them and to their government.

Q. 129. *What is required of superiors towards their inferiors?*

A. It is required of superiors, according to that power they receive from God, and that relation wherein they stand, to love, pray for, and bless their inferiors; to instruct, counsel, and admonish them; countenancing, commending, and rewarding such as do well; and discountenancing, reproving, and chastising such as do ill; protecting, and providing for them all things necessary for soul and body: and by grave, wise, holy, and exemplary carriage, to procure glory to God, honor to themselves, and so to preserve that authority which God hath put upon them.