

**SHEPHERDING GOD'S FLOCK IN A TIME OF SUFFERING**  
**(1 Peter 5:1-4)**

**VI. CLOSING APPLICATION FOR GOD'S SUFFERING SAINTS (5:1-14)**

**A. Regarding \_\_\_\_\_ (5:1-4)**

- How does Peter describe himself in vs 1

1) as a \_\_\_\_\_

2) as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

3) as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ that will be revealed

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ exhorted here are called “\_\_\_\_\_” (5:1)

- What do we know about “elders” in the New Testament?

1)

2)

3)

- Why might these men be addressed in this context?

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ describing the elder's role is to “\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_” (5:2a)

“shepherd” –poimaino

- What are the Biblical Responsibilities of the Pastor?

1) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor is to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God, the very \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must carefully \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God for dangerous predators from \_\_\_\_\_ or from \_\_\_\_\_ that would harm them spiritually (Acts 20:28-30)

3) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor needs to engage in a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ for the people's needs ( Acts 6:4)

4) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must personally \_\_\_\_\_ the biblical truths he teaches (1 Timothy 4:12)

5) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must be involved in personal contact with God's sheep (1 Peter 5:2b)

6) \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must exercise \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ as it relates to the needs, ministries, and direction of the local church (Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24; 1 Peter 5:2)

- How does all this relate to the Headship of Jesus Christ, the authority of the scriptures, or the priesthood of the believer?
- What are pastors to be mindful of regarding "the flock of God"?

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of shepherding God's flock is...

a. "not by \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_" ... with a sense of God's call, giftedness, and qualifications

- What does this mean practically?

b. "not by \_\_\_\_\_ gain, but \_\_\_\_\_" ... with the right motive for ministry.

- Does this mean that a pastor shouldn't be paid?

c. "not as being \_\_\_\_\_ over those entrusted to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock"

- What does "*nor as being lords*" **not** mean?
- How does "*being lords*" show itself?

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ for faithful pastors is called the "\_\_\_\_\_ " which is given by the "Chief Shepherd" when He \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2a)

- How is this reward described?
- When will this crown be given to faithful elders/pastors?
- What can we learn from all this?