

**APPLICATION TO THE FLOCK IN A TIME OF SUFFERING?  
(1 Peter 5:1-7)**

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

**A. Regarding Church Elders (5:1-4)**

1. The *specific men* exhorted here are called “\_\_\_\_\_” (5:1)
2. The *key mandate* describing the elder’s role is to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (5:2a)
3. The *spiritual manner* of shepherding God’s flock is...
  - a. “not by compulsion, but \_\_\_\_\_” ... with a sense of God’s call, giftedness, and qualifications
  - b. “not by dishonest gain, but \_\_\_\_\_” ... with the right motive – for ministry as unto the Lord.
  - c. “not as being \_\_\_\_\_ over those entrusted to you, but being \_\_\_\_\_ to the flock”
4. The special \_\_\_\_\_ for faithful pastors is called the “\_\_\_\_\_” which is given by the “Chief Shepherd” when He \_\_\_\_\_ (5:4a)

- How is this reward described?
- When will this crown be given to faithful elders/pastors?
- What does this mean to you?

**B. Regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Flock**

1. The admonition for \_\_\_\_\_ is to \_\_\_\_\_ to your \_\_\_\_\_ (5:5a)
- Why are the “younger people” addressed here?

“*submit yourselves*” (hupotasso) {hoop-ot-as'-so} =

- How is “hupotasso” used in other portions of scripture?

\* Does submission come naturally?

- So what does “elder” speak of?

2. Some exhortations to \_\_\_\_\_ the congregation. (5:5b-7)

a. The spirit that should be prevalent in a local church should be one of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- What does this mean practically?

b. The spiritual attitude that allows this to occur is to “*be clothed with \_\_\_\_\_*”!

- What is *humility*?

- What is God’s attitude toward the proud in heart?

- If God resist the proud, how does He treat the humble?

- Why does God do this?

c. The specific conclusion following vs 5, is... “*Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God that \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ you in \_\_\_\_\_*”

\* What did the “*mighty hand of God*” indicate about God in the OT?

\* What is meant by the “*due time*”?

d. The special *invitation* that God gives to you is to be “\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, for He \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_” (5:7)

\* What do we mean by “care”?

\* What does God want you to do with your “care”?

\* How much of your “care” does God want?

\* How does this apply to you?