

Living Upright in an Upside-Down World

A Word to Pastors

1 Peter 5:1–4

1. Distinct Role

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;” (1 Peter 5:1–2, NKJV)

A. Elder

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:” (1 Peter 5:1, NKJV)

B. Shepherd

“Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;” (1 Peter 5:2, NKJV)

C. Overseer

“Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;” (1 Peter 5:2–3, NKJV)

2. Defined Requirements

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;” (1 Peter 5:1–3, NKJV)

A. Genuine Experience

“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:” (1 Peter 5:1, NKJV)

B. Glowing Enthusiasm

“Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;” (1 Peter 5:2, NKJV)

C. Godly Example

“Nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;” (1 Peter 5:3, NKJV)

3. Distinguished Reward

“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.” (1 Peter 5:4, NKJV)