

SHEPHERDING GOD'S FLOCK

(1 Peter 5:1-2)

VI. SEVERAL CLOSING APPLICATIONS TO THESE SUFFERING SAINTS (5:1-14)

A. Regarding CHURCH ELDERS (5:1-4)

* How does Peter describe himself? (vs. 1)

1. The SPECIFIC MEN exhorted are called “_____.” (5:1)

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

* Why might these men be addressed in this context?

2. The SINGULAR MANDATE describing elders' role is to “_____” the “_____.” (5:2a)

* “*shepherd*” (aorist active imperative of *poimano*) —

What are the 6 “P”s of pastoring?

- * **P**_____... as a pastor is to feed the flock of God the very Word of God. (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

- * **P**_____.. ... as a pastor must carefully guard and watch over the flock of God for dangerous predators from without or within that would harm them spiritually. (Acts 20:28-30)

- * **P**_____... as a pastor needs to engage in a ministry of intercessory prayer for people’s needs. (Acts 6:4)

- * **P**_____... as a pastor must personally model the biblical truths he publically teaches. (1 Timothy 4:12)

- * **P**_____... as a pastor must be involved in personal contact with God’s sheep. (1 Peter 5:2b)

- * **P**_____... as a pastor must exercise oversight and leadership 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*”?

* What can you learn from this?