

SHEPHERDING THE FLOCK  
(1 Peter 5:1-4)

- I. The ADDRESS to the Shepherds (1 Pet. 5:1)
  - A. The RECIPIENTS of the appeal—"ELDERS"
    - 1. Spiritually MATURE
    - 2. LEADERS of the various CONGREGATIONS
  - B. The PERSON MAKING the appeal—"I [Peter]"
    - 1. As a "FELLOW ELDER"
    - 2. As a "WITNESS of the SUFFERINGS of Christ"
    - 3. As a fellow partaker of the GLORY to be REVEALED
  
- II. The CHARGE to the Shepherds (1 Pet. 5:2a)
  - A. Their RESPONSIBILITY
    - 1. To TEND the flock
    - 2. To FEED the flock
    - 3. To ADMINISTER the flock
  - B. Their ROLE

1. Shepherding a flock that is GOD'S, not THEIRS
2. Shepherding the SEGMENT of the flock ASSIGNED to them

III. The MOTIVES of the Shepherds (1 Pet. 5:2b-3)

- A. Not by COMPULSION, but WILLINGLY
- B. Not for SHAMEFUL GAIN, but EAGERLY
- C. Not as TYRANTS, but EXAMPLES

IV. The REWARD of the Shepherds (1 Pet. 5:4)

- A. Its TIMING
  1. At Christ's RETURN (cf. 1:5; 5:1)
  2. When He is REVEALED as the "CHIEF SHEPHERD"
- B. Its NATURE
  1. UNFADING
  2. GLORIOUS