

Shepherding God's Flock
1 Peter 5:1-5

The Basis of Peter's Appeal to Elders (5:1...4:17-19)

- *The task of serving as an elder in Christ's church is a serious work that calls for a yielded heart and great confidence in God.*

The Instruction for Elders Who Lead (5:2-5)
"Shepherd the flock...exercising oversight..."

- *The task for elders exercising oversight in Christ's church is to care for God's people like the Good Shepherd cares for His flock.*
1. *Elders must serve willingly, not because they've been pressured by others to serve.*
 2. *Elders must serve unselfishly, not motivated by a desire for greedy personal gain.*
 3. *Elders must serve humbly, not dictating nor dominating in their oversight of the flock.*

The Encouragement for Elders Who Lead (5:4)

- *The encouragement for elders in their service is the "Well done" from the Chief Shepherd when He appears in glory.*