

I PETER:  
HOLY AND  
HOPE-FILLED LIVING  
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 5:1-5

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you,  
as *your* fellow elder  
and witness of the sufferings of Christ,  
and a partaker also of the glory  
that is to be revealed,  
shepherd the flock of God among you,  
exercising oversight not under compulsion,  
but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God;  
and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

nor yet as lording it over those  
allotted to your charge,  
but proving to be examples to the flock.  
And when the Chief Shepherd appears,  
you will receive the unfading  
crown of glory.

You younger men, likewise,  
be subject to *your* elders;  
and all of you,  
clothe yourselves with humility  
toward one another,  
for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD,  
BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

We need to live **HOLY AND  
HOPE-FILLED LIVES,**  
**In effective churches  
with Godly elders**

# INTRODUCTION TO ELDERS, I PETER 5:1-5

Who is speaking? Peter!

- Fellow-Elder!
- Witness of the sufferings of Christ!
- Partaker of the glory that is to be revealed!

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To Whom is he speaking? “The Elders Among you!”

- **Elder** is from “presbuteros”!
- Those who **Shepherd** the flock
- “Those exercising oversight” (**Overseeing**)  
from “episkopeō”  
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“Pastors” (“shepherds”) all refer to the same men,  
but emphasize different aspects of their roles!



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- ✓ Acts 14:21-23
- ✓ Acts 20:17, 28
- ✓ I Timothy 3:1-2...and 5:17
- ✓ Titus 1:5, 7

## TWO BIBLICAL OFFICES...

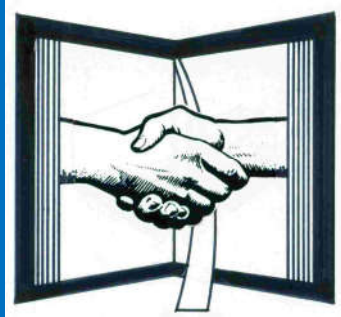
1. “Elder” / “Overseer” / “Pastor”
2. “Deacon” (meaning “servant”)

Deacons...

- ✓ Acts 6:1-3. “Deacon,” “Deac,” “Deaconing”
- ✓ Philippians 1:1
- ✓ I Timothy 3:1-7 (elders), 8-13, Deacons!

**IDEALLY,  
A CHURCH SHOULD HAVE  
A PLURALITY  
OF BOTH ELDERS  
AND DEACONS**

In order to live **HOLY AND HOPE-FILLED LIVES**, in the midst of a hostile culture, we need to be actively involved in our local church, which needs humble and godly leadership.



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