

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

I PETER 5:1-5

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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- ✓ 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**

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The Command to the Elders:

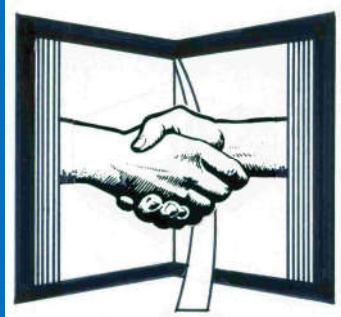
“Shepherd the flock of God among you.”

“Shepherd” is a command!

It is the flock “of God!”

It is the flock “Among you”!

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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