

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”!

## From Acts 20:28-35, “Shepherding” Involves...

- Teaching...“Feeding” the flock
- “Watching over” the flock
- Protecting the flock
- Being on the alert (for himself AND the flock!)
- Admonishing each one.
- Recognizing your accountability to God!
- Being a man of “the Word of His grace”!
- Helping the weak...willing to give.
- Working hard!

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The Instructions To The Elders: “Taking oversight”

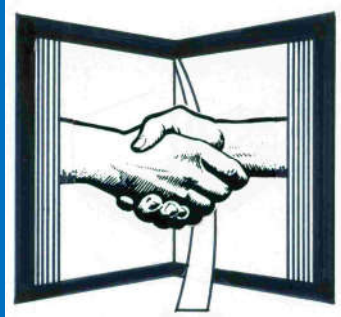
- “Not under compulsion”
- “Willingly”
- “According To The Will of God”
- “Not for sordid gain”
- “with eagerness”

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

The Instructions To The Elders: “Taking oversight”

- “Not ‘lording it over’ those allotted to your charge”
- “Becoming an example to the flock.”

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 to be led by humble and godly leaders.



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