

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**

TWO BIBLICAL OFFICES...

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

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

INTRODUCTION TO ELDERS, I PETER 5:1-5

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”

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The Instructions To The Elders: “Taking oversight”

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

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The Encouragement To The Elders: the Reward!

- The time of the Reward: “**When the Chief Shepherd appears**”

That is...at the Bema Seat Judgment,
Following the “Rapture” of the Church

Jesus is...

- The Good Shepherd: John 10:11, 14.
- The Great Shepherd: Hebrews 13:20.
- The Shepherd and Guardian of your souls: 1 Peter 2:25.
- The Chief Shepherd: 1 Peter 5:4.

**THE ONLY SAFE PLACE FOR A SHEEP IS BY THE SIDE OF HIS
SHEPHERD, BECAUSE THE DEVIL DOES NOT FEAR SHEEP; HE
JUST FEARS THE SHEPHERD, THAT IS ALL.**

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The Encouragement To The Elders: the Reward!

- The time of the Reward: **When the Chief Shepherd appears”**
- The description of the Reward: **The unfading Crown of Glory.**

CROWNS BELIEVERS CAN EARN...

They are imperishable crowns, **I Cor. 9:25**

- Crown of Rejoicing, **I Thess. 2:19** (“soul-winner’s”)
- Crown of Righteousness, **II Tim. 4:8** (for loving His appearing!)
- Crown of Life, **James 1:12; Rev. 2:10** (for enduring persecution and even martyrdom!)
- Crown of Glory, **I Peter 5:4** (for serving faithfully as an elder!)

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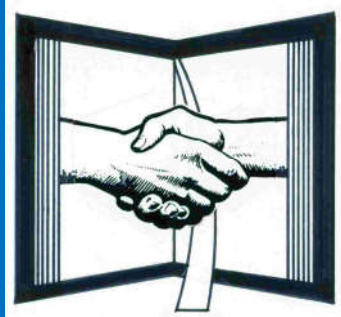
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- The description of the Reward: **The unfading crown of glory.**

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The Response To The Elders (v. 5):

- Submission
- Mutual humility and respect.
 - ✓ The Command...
 - ✓ The Explanation...

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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