

Everything Rises and Falls on Leadership Encouraging Words Series #10

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I Peter 5:1-4 (NT page 182)

The New Testament churches were organized under the leadership of elders and deacons.

Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:
Philippians 1:1

¹It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.

²An overseer, then, must be above reproach...

⁸Deacons likewise must be men of... I Timothy 3:1,2a & 8a

¹⁷From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church.

²⁸Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. Acts 20:17,28

Elder refers to the _____ of the officer.

Bishop refers to the _____ of the office.

Pastor = _____.

What qualities make a pastor?

1. A vital personal _____ with Christ. (v. 1)

¹Therefore, 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,

Cultivate a close relationship with Jesus; share _____.

2. A _____ for God's sheep. (vs. 2,3)
²shepherd 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;
³nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

Flock image: Psalm 23, 100; Isaiah 40:11; Luke 15:4-6; John 10; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:20,21; I Peter 2:25; Revelation 7:17

Characteristics of sheep: _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____

✓ _____ (v. 2)

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The shepherd is both “_____” and “_____” the flock.

Dangers:

_____ – “not under compulsion, but voluntarily”

_____ – “not for sordid gain, but with eagerness

I Corinthians 9:1

I Timothy 5:17-18

Eagerness

So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. Romans 1:15

Eagerness is the difference between a true shepherd and an _____.

We are to be overseers, _____.

✓ Be an _____. (v. 3)

The contrast is between dictatorship and _____.

You cannot _____ sheep.

The church needs leaders who _____ and servants who _____.

3. A desire to please _____ alone. (v. 4)

Jesus the Good shepherd _____ for the sheep.

“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” John 10:11

Jesus the Great Shepherd _____ for the sheep.

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, Hebrews 13:20

Jesus the Chief Shepherd _____ for the sheep.

And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. I Peter 5:4

The faithful pastor’s crown is a crown of _____.