

Shepherd the Flock of God

1 Peter 5:1-4

Part 3: "So That's An Elder!" 1 Peter 5:2b-4

- I. Leaders in the mind of the Early Church
 - A. Appointed for every church - Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5
 - B. Decision Makers - Acts 15:4, 6, 23
 - C. Responsible for teaching the Word of God - 1 Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:7
 - D. Preparing the congregation for difficult times - 1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-14
- II. Leaders in the mind of a healthy congregation 5:2b-3
 - A. Care **motivated** by a willingness to follow the Lord - 5:2b
The opposite - Care because you are **forced**
 - B. Care **patterned** by a strong desire to serve - 5:2c
The opposite - Care for **selfish reasons**
 - C. Care **demonstrated** by example - 5:3
The Opposite - Care to **manipulate**
- III. Leaders in view of Christ's Return - 5:4
 - A. Christ's Second coming contrasted with His first - 1:3, 11, 19-21; 2:24; 3:18; 5:1. Compare 1:7, 13; 2:12; 4:13; 5:1 (Rom. 8:18), 4, 10.
 - B. The Reason for the Reward
 - C. The Quality of the Reward - 5:4b
- IV. A Danger to Watch: The culture of the "Instant"
 - A. The Reality of where we live

"One of the concerns . . . Is that popular culture encourages a mood of expecting everything to be immediate, a mood that deters greater depth and breadth in other areas of our lives, including . . . our experience of obedient faith. . . Popular culture . . . Specializes in instant gratification. But like most instant things, it may spoil your taste

for something better.” (Kenneth Myers All God’s Children and Blue Suede Shoes: Christians and Popular Culture

B. My Request for the family and friends of COD –

Congregation – Please give us in leadership the opportunity to grow and be the Shepherds after God’s own heart.