

1 Peter 5

1 Peter 5.1-5 – Advice to elders in the church

V1 – What are those comments based on? Peter was an elder himself - he had seen the sufferings of Christ, and he had the same hope that the other Christians had

-Were any other apostles elders? Yes – Apostle John – *2 John 1*

V2 – Whose flock is it? It belongs to Christ, not to the elders

-They are overseers someone else's flock

-**What attitude are elders to have?** Not to beat the church into submission

-**Can elders scripturally be paid to serve in that capacity?**

1 Timothy 5.17-18 – Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing,” and “the laborer is worthy of his wages.”

-But elders are not to use this passage to take advantage of people financially

V3 – Explain “not lording it over the flock”? Not church dictators

-Elders can make decisions on matters of opinion, but there must be some Scriptural basis for all decisions

-Some have used v 3 to say that elders can lead only by example

-**Are there any Scriptures that say elders are to lead more than just by example?**

Acts 20.28 – “Be 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.”

-**Read Titus 1.10-11** – instructions to elders (to stop the mouths of the false teachers)

Hebrews 13.17 – Obey your leaders, and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

-**So what is Peter's point here in 1 Peter 5.3?** That elders are not to have a domineering, arrogant attitude - they are not to abuse their authority

V4 – What is the reward for serving as an elder? Crown of glory when the Chief Shepherd appears

-That is the only thing that makes all trials and tribulations of being an elder worthwhile!

V5 – Younger people are to subject to elders (maybe older members of the congregation in this verse)

-**What is the solution to most congregation problems?** An attitude of humility on the part of the people

1 Peter 5.6-11 – Humility and watchfulness

V6 – God knows more about this than we do, so we should submit ourselves to God

V7 – How do we deal with the pressures of this life? Cast our worries on God

-**Other Scriptures on this subject?**

Matthew 6.34 – “Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

V 8 – **What image of Satan does Peter give here?** Roaring lion seeking some one to devour
-Illustration: Foxes are totally silent when we see them going down the street at night

V 9 – **What should encourage us in suffering?** To know that our fellow Christians are also undergoing suffering
-“In the world” – not of the world

V 10 – In time, God will make all things right with us

V 11 – Doxology, a verse of praise to God

1 Peter 5.12-14 – Closing remarks

V 12 – **Silvanus?** Silas (with Paul on the Second Missionary Journey)
-It is possible that he wrote this letter as Peter dictated it to him

V 13 – Guy N. Woods: possible reference to Peter’s wife
1 Corinthians 9.5 – Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
-**Was Mark a son of Peter?** No, but a child in the faith

V 14 – The holy kiss – the custom of the day, like a handshake today

Your favorite verse from 1 Peter/please read it out loud:

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