

1 PETER 4:1-5:7

# OUTCOMES OF

5:1-4 **HOLY LEADERSHIP**

Peter's Eldership "Mini-  
Course"



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- C. Holy suffering (4:12-4:19)
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**OUTCOME #4**  
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**1 Peter 5:1-4**



# 1 Peter 5:1-4 NASB

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## <sup>1</sup> Peter 5:1-4



1. Introduction (1a)
2. Instructor (1b)
3. Course (2-3)
4. Completion (4)

# Introduction to the Course (1a)

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## Who should take this course?

Therefore, I exhort the elders among you... (1 Peter 5:1a)

**Elder** = Overseer; one who cares for the flock

## Why should you take this course?

Those also who **suffer** according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator **in doing what is right**. (1 Peter 4:19)

# Meet Your Instructor (1b)

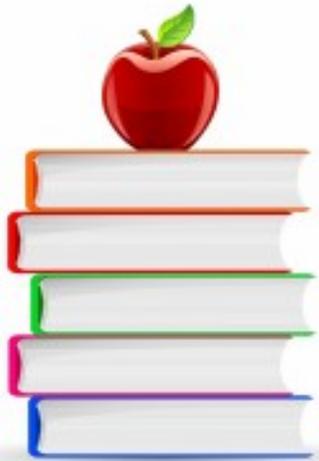
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- **Fellow Elder**
- **Witnessed Christ's Sufferings**
  - Has first-hand experience
  - Christ is the perfect example
- **Partaker of Future Glory**
  - Knows the end game
  - In this together

# Peter's Eldership Mini-Course (2-3)

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**2a What does an elder do?**

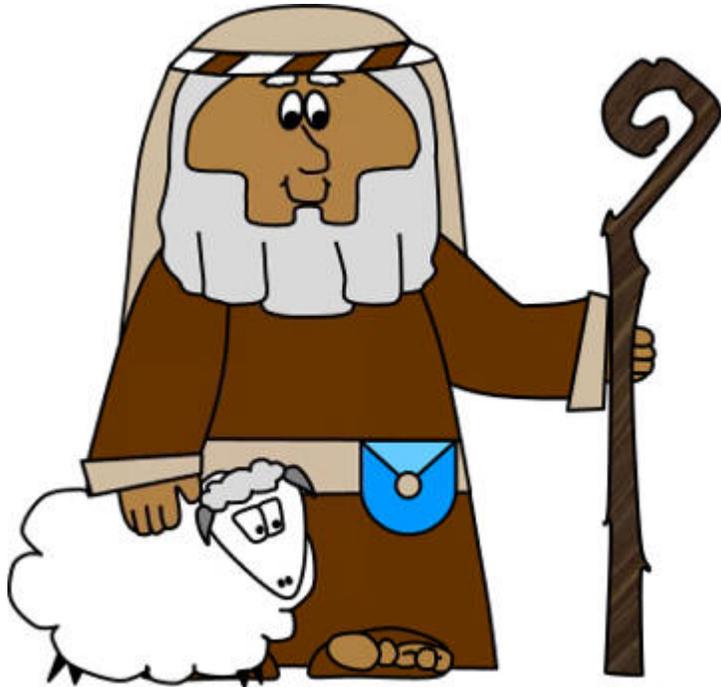
**2b Why does he do it?**

**3 How should he do it?**

# What does an elder do? (2a)

“watching over”

<sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight...



## The shepherd's three tasks

1. Lead
2. Feed
3. Take Heed

Guide  
Nourish  
Protect

The elder's motto should be similar to that of the police: **To Protect and to Serve** *and to Nourish*

# Lead – Feed – Take Heed

**Psalm 23:1-4 NASB** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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# Lead

**1 Timothy 3:1-7 NASB** It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

# Lead

**Titus 1:5-11 NASB** I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

# Feed

**1 Timothy 3:2-3 NASB** An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, **able to teach**, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money.

**Titus 1:9 NASB** ...holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

**1 Timothy 5:17 NASB** Elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

# Take Heed

**Titus 1:9-11 NASB** ...so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

**Acts 20:28-31 NASB** 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. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert...

# The shepherd's three tasks



- 1. Lead**
- 2. Feed**
- 3. Take Heed**

# Why does he do it? (2b)

not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of God*;  
and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;



**NOT:**

**Out of obligation  
For personal gain**

**BUT:**

**Willingly  
Eagerly**

**1 Timothy 3:1,3 NASB** If any man **aspires** to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he **desires** to do... **free from the love of money**...

Two questions...

Would I still do what I'm doing  
if I didn't feel obligated?

Would I still do what I'm doing  
if I got nothing from it?

# The Good Shepherd

**John 10:11-15 NASB** “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

# How should he do it? (3)

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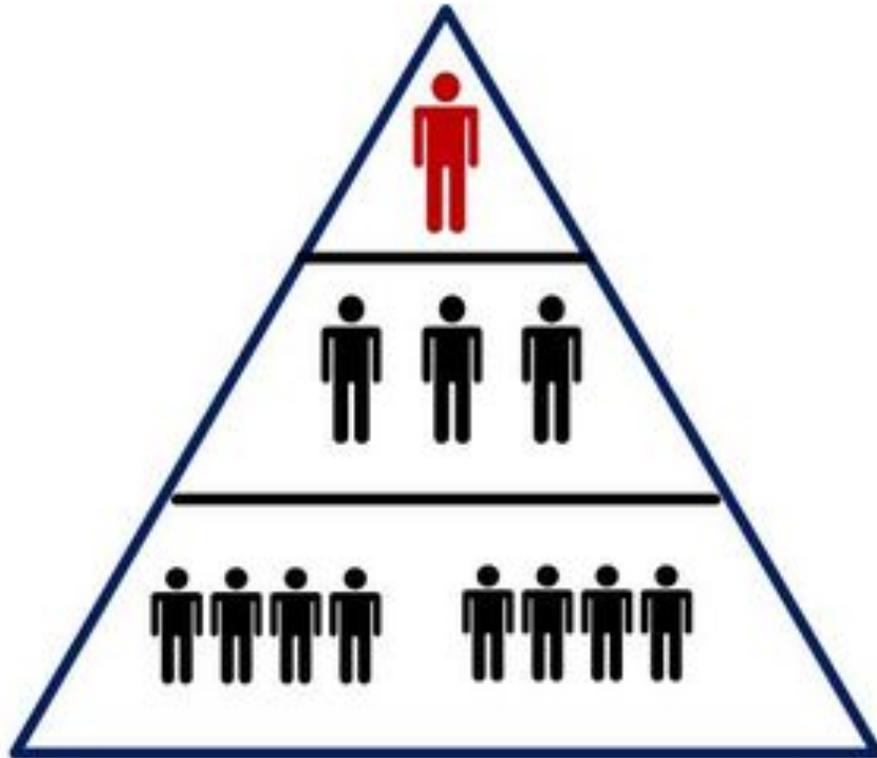


## Two ways to lead:

- **By force/rule**
- **By example** ✓

**Mark 10:45 NASB** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

# OLD SCHOOL



“I’m the BOSS!”

# NEW SCHOOL



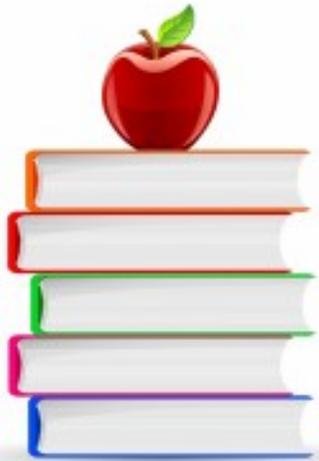
“I’m the example.”

Be imitators of me,  
just as I also am of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 NASB

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**2a What does an elder do?**

Lead, Feed, Take Heed

**2b Why does he do it?**

Because he cares

**3 How should he do it?**

Lead by example

# Certificate of Completion (4)

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