

Godly Leadership – 1 Peter 5:1-4

- I. Introduction – Playing against Cardinal Newman –
- II. Scripture – 1Peter 5:1-4 - 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, 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. 4And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
- III. 3 Facets of Spiritual Leadership –
 - a. Understanding the _____ and _____ of godly leadership. (v. 1, 2a) – 3 Appeals:
 - i. An appeal of _____ -
 - ii. An appeal of _____ -
 - iii. An appeal of _____ -
 - b. Obeying Your _____ Responsibility – vv. 2, 3 - **SHEPHERD**
Sheep need shepherds (Psalm 23; Isaiah 53:6)
Exercising Oversight – To assess their needs and to see the whole church

3 Keys to Biblical Oversight -
 - i. Right _____ to lead – v. 2
 1. Wrong Reason – Under Compulsion –
ment. The elder should not occupy the office as a reluctant draftee, doing an irksome task because he feels that he cannot escape it. Such a feeling might arise from a “false sense of unworthiness, a reluctance for responsibility, or a desire to do no more than was morally required in the office.”⁵⁰
 2. Right Reason – Willingly (1Tim 3:1; 1Cor 9:16; 2Cor 5:11, 14)
 - ii. Right _____ - v. 2
 1. Wrong Mind Set – Sordid Gain (2Peter 2:3)
“Greed and selfish interest are so near at hand in all human hearts that especially in this work they must be constantly guarded against.” – Wayne Grudem
 2. Right Mind Set – Eagerness – (2Cor 12:15)

iii. Right _____ - v. 3

1. Wrong Method – Lording it over (Mt. 20:25-28)

The elder has authority; he is called to exercise a shepherd's oversight. Christ the Chief Shepherd (5:4) has called him to exercise a shepherd's care. But the undershepherd is not a stand-in for the Lord. He presents the word of the Lord, not his own decree; he enforces the revealed will of the Lord, not his own wishes. For that reason, any undermining of the authority of Scripture turns church government into spiritual tyranny. If church governors add to or subtract from the word of God, they make themselves lords over the consciences of others.¹

2. Right Method – Being an Example (1 Tim 4:12-16; John 21:15-17; John 10)

From "Everyday Church" by Timmis and Chester

"Leadership is not so much about developing a _____ that others follow as creating a _____ in which others flourish"

c. 3rd Facet of Godly Leadership – Properly Motivated – To love His _____ . V. 4 – 2 Relatable Pictures of this day -