



1. Pastors are called to _____ like the good Shepherd.

- _____ the flock
Feed the flock of God which is among you... v.2
Cf. Acts 20:28; Ps 23:1-2; Is 40:11; John 21:15-17.
- _____ the church
Taking the oversight... v.2. Heb 13:17; 1Ti 5:17
 - Manner: not by constraint but willingly.
Cf. Is 40:11
 - Motive: not for lucre but of a ready mind.
Cf. 1Co 9; 1 Ti 5:17-18; 1Ti 3:3; Tu 1:7; Jo 10:11-13; Ezr 7:6; Ro 1:15; Ac 21:13; 2Ti 4:6
 - Mindset: not as lording but an ensample.
1 Corinthians 11:1; Cf. 1Ti 4:12; Heb 13:7
- _____ the chief Shepherd
And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory... v.4
Hebrews 13:17; Cf. 1Co 3:10-15; Ja 3:1; 1Co 4:1-4

2. Churches are called to _____ like a good flock.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. v.5

- Grace through _____
Be clothed with humility... v.5
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God... v.6
Cf. Php 2:5-11
- Peace through _____
Casting all your care upon him... v.7
- Victory through _____
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil... v.8
Cf. Ja 4:7
- Strength through _____
After ye have suffered a while... v.10
- Glory through _____
To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. v.11

Concerning the three titles for the office of pastor...

- **Pastor** – This is the title most familiar to us but least used in Scripture. The Gr. ποιμην (poimen) is translated 17x as shepherd and 1x pastor (*Ephesians 4:11*).

As a shepherd, a pastor leads, feeds, rescues lost sheep, protects from wolves, and sacrifices his life for the sheep.

The name indicates a shepherd's CUSTODY.

- **Elder** – This is the title most used in Scripture but most misunderstood/ misused (*Ac 11:30; 14:23; 15; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Tim 5; Tu 1:5; Ja 5:14; 1 Pe 5:1-5; 2 Jo 1; 3 Jo 1*).

As an elder, a pastor provides stability, leadership, perspective, wisdom

The name indicates a spiritual MATURITY.

- **Bishop** – This title is often used in ethnic churches but misused in the Catholic and orthodox churches. The name means overseer. (*Php 1:1; 1 Tim 3:1-7; Tu 1:5-9*).

As an overseer, a pastor rules, evaluates, changes, directs, manages resources

The name indicates a sober RESPONSIBILITY.

As is frequently the case, all three titles are woven together in the text of 1 Peter 5. The elders (v.1) are commanded to *Feed the flock* (v.2) and be *Ensamples to the flock* (v.3) like shepherds, while they are *taking the oversight thereof* (v.2) like an overseer (i.e. Bishop).

Concerning Jesus' identity as Shepherd...

- Jesus is the GOOD Shepherd who died for our justification (*John 10:11*).
- Jesus is the GREAT Shepherd who rose for our sanctification (*Hebrews 13:20-21*).
- Jesus is the CHIEF Shepherd who is coming again for our glorification (*1 Peter 5:4*).