



Part 4 – What Are We To Do With Each Other?

I Peter 5:1-5

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I. GOD HAS CALLED **PASTORS** TO ACT A CERTAIN WAY. (1 Peter 5:1-4)

A. The New Testament uses three words to describe one person:

1. An **elder** is a person who exercises spiritual leadership and teaching in a church.
2. The word **bishop** means an overseer of the ministries and workings of a church.
3. The word **pastor** means a shepherd who cares for the flock.
4. In the Bible an **elder** is a **bishop** is a **pastor**.
5. Sugar Creek has **many** pastors.

B. What does God require for pastors of our church? Teach the **Bible** the way it is written. (1 Peter 5:2)

1 Peter 5:2 (KJV) “Feed the flock of God which is among you,...”

Ephesians 4:11-14 (NIV) “It was Christ who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be **pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.”**

Titus 2:1 (NIV) “You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.”

C. **Love** God’s people who are under their care. (1 Peter 5:2)

D. Serve as effective **leaders**. (1 Peter 5:2)

Titus 2:15 (NIV) “These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.”

E. Serve with Godly **motives** and Godly **attitudes**. (1 Peter 5:2-3)

1. Don’t do right and live right because you have to but because it is your authentic **character**.
2. Don’t do it for the **money**. Do it because you’re called by God.
3. Lead but don’t be **dictators**.

F. There is a **reward** at the end for faithful shepherds.

II. GOD HAS CALLED **GOD’S PEOPLE** TO ACT IN A CERTAIN WAY. (1 Peter 5:5)

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV) “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a **joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.”**

The Bible presents a balance. It says to pastors – lead but don’t lord over God’s people. Don’t be dictators. At the same time it says to God’s people – **follow the leaders God has placed in your church.**

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