

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER

TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

1 PETER CHAPTER 5:1-4

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“Ministers, Each And Every One – Part 2”

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

Congregational Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you (the elders) will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

“In Our Previous Study of This Section...

We learned that the aged and senior minister of the church – Pastor Peter was in a real way passing the baton to the next generation of Christians, yes. But more than that, he was passing on the mantle of exhortation.”

Ministers – Each And Every One

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| 1.) We need encouragement to encourage others | vs.1 |
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Ministers – Each And Every One

We Need Encouragement To Encourage Others

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| 1a.) Encouraged by God’s calling upon your life | vs. 1a |
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1a The elders who are among you I exhort,

(They had a **calling**. They had a **place**. They had a **need**.)

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God

the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

- - **And who is sufficient for these things?**

- Elders grk: **presbuteros**; the older one, the seasoned one. The scripturally grounded and matured one. Battle-hardened.
- Among grk: **en**; a prim. Preposition that denotes proximity. Location, position, placement, or the physical location of a person or a place.
- Exhort grk: parakaleo; to call near and to keep calling near. To encourage and to keep encouraging. to challenge and to keep challenging.

Peter's Apostolic Exhortation here is Noted.

"I'm speaking to you from the same calling of being an elder just like you. All I want to do is add encouragement to that calling by saying..."

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We Need Encouragement To Encourage Others

1b.) Encouraged by God's inspiration in your life vs. 1b

1b I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,

"I who am a fellow elder"

not especially high and not especially low – I'm among you.

(if Peter was the first pope – he didn't know it)

witness grk: martus; martyr. One who cannot deny what he knows is true. To possess a transcendent truth that is worthy of life and death.

and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,

no human being saw Jesus Christ suffer more than Peter. Peter, remember followed Jesus into the Courtyard of the High Priest to "Watch the end"

Tragically – Peter was one of the greatest wounds to the heart of Jesus.

Three times Peter denounced ever knowing Jesus!

sufferings grk: pathema; (not just the cross) but all that comes down upon you in life. that which befalls you, the suffering that visits us in life

Implying:

“all that life could throw at Jesus was thrown at Him and He took every single challenge head-on and won.”

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We Need Encouragement To Encourage Others

1c.) Encouraged by God’s unity for your life

vs. 1c

1c and also a partaker of “the glory” that will be revealed:

Ephesians 4:11-13

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

partaker grk: koinonos; united in sharing. united in partnering. United in moving in the same direction. (ie. a three legged race)

*There is no competition in the work of God
when everyone is serving the will of God.
– Warren Wiersbe*

glory grk: doxa; praise / brightness / majesty / honor / joy

revealed grk: apokalupto; to be suddenly uncovered, to be made seen.

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2.) We need love to be loving others

vs. 2-3a

Elders - Shepherds / Pastors - Overseers

Ministers – Each And Every One

We Need Love To Be Loving Others

2a.) Love experienced is a love caring

vs. 2a

2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you,

In general, and for all Christians, we are to be looking nowhere else to minister, but right here in front of you. Those things that are before you. The ministry that Jesus Christ wants you to be involved in is **all around you.**

How Much More For Elders and Deacons and Pastors and.... You !

But for us to be like a shepherd, we need to be shepherded by the Lord.

Psalm 23:1

The Lord is **my** shepherd;

We're to happily be active about the joyous calling
of "Feeding" God's people faithful dosages of His love, care,
and instruction – WORD!

Shepherd **grk:** poimaino; **to act just like a shepherd** does. To shadow the shepherd. to see the shepherd caring, protecting, presiding over, watching out for, correcting,

The Ministry of Elder, Bishop, Pastor

Flock **grk:** poimnion; (HIS FLOCK) that is before you. Does this allow for "Satellite Shepherds"? – I think not. We need to be careful here.

Among **grk:** those that are in front of you. beside you, around you

Those Among Us, Those Before Us, **We Are Responsible** for Them
(in many cases – not all, but many)

**Failure to Care for Those Nearest to Us
Will Prove to be Disastrous**

Genesis 4:8-9

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. :9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He (lying) said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's (heb: **Shamar** – care-giver, vanguard, protector) keeper?"

The Spirit of Cain is Dominant in the World Today.

“I do not want to get involved. Let someone else deal with that. I don't have the time. - - better him than me.”

I was shocked and sadden to hear recently

from a more “aged believer” -

“Pastor, I'm an old man now, my life's been lived. I really don't need to get involved because I'm not long in this world.”

“Pastor, am I my brother's keeper?”

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We Need Love To Be Loving Others

2b.) Love nurtured is a love maturing

vs. 2b

2b serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly,
not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

overseers **grk:** episkopeo; to look over or upon, to care for. To oil the gears or to keep running. The maintenance of the church and its people. The mechanics.

The greater operation and VISION of a local church

“Acts of Love” - are they maturing? = = is the “doing” getting done?

compulsion **grk:** anagkastos; not by force or by coercion. Not for any alternative motive or secondary reason.

willingly **grk:** hekousios; to step forward, to volunteer or to present yourself to the cause or need.

With the Calling comes a Velvet Chain of Ministering

Romans 8:37-39

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him** who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities
nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **39** nor height nor depth, nor
any other created thing, shall be able to **separate us** from the love of God
which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

Jeremiah 20:9

Then I said, ***“I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name.”*** But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.

dishonest gain **grk:** aischrokerdos; a personal lust for gain. To do something “for God” for the money. The KJV rightly uses the words “filthy lucre” – to manipulate people for personal advancement.

Billy Graham’s Great Warning about **the three “G’s”**
To Christians in general - - Ministers specifically.

The **Glory**, The **Gain**, The **Girl**

but (be) eagerly (that is always ready to be....)

eagerly **grk:** prothumos; to be in the blocks as a sprinter. To be in a state of readiness.

Ministers – Each And Every One We Need Love To Be Loving Others

2c.) Love received is a love communicated vs. 3a

3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you,

**There can only be One Lord – and your pastor is not him.
Pastors are to be Pointers, Models, Pictures, Types – Examples**

Because They Have Been Loved – They Can Give Love

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be **imitators** of God as dear children. **2** And **walk** in love, as Christ also has **loved us** and given Himself for us, as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

being lords **grk:** katakurieuo; to wield power over another(s) to exercise dominion over another. To put someone under your boot.

*God hates, with a perfect hatred,
in the ministry that are controlling other people using religious trappings.*

A warning to the church of Ephesus

Revelation 2:6

But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, (Nicolas)
which I also hate.

A warning to the church of Ephesus

Revelation 2:15

Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the
Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Entrusted grk: kleros; having been given an allotment or a stewardship for time. An inheritance, a portion.

**You can drive cattle all day long.
You cannot drive sheep. Sheep must be led.**

End of Study

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