

## Shepherding the Flock of God

**Text:** 1 Peter 5:1-4

**Main Idea:** Elders are called by God to shepherd the Church!

1. **WHO:** A \_\_\_\_\_ of elders are called by God and appointed by the congregation! (v. 1a)
  - *The Old Testament precedent:* Elders were established over \_\_\_\_\_. (Ex 18:13-27)
  - *The New Testament pattern:* Elders were established in every \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 11:30, 14:19-23, 15:1-6, 20:17-35, 1 Tim 3:1-7)
  
2. **WHAT:** Elders are commanded to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God! (v. 2-3, Heb 13:7, 17)
  - *The Duties:* Elders must exercise exemplary oversight by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_ with the Word of God. (Acts 20:28-31, Titus 1:5-9, 1 Tim 5:17-18, James 5:14)
  - *The Dangers:* Elders must avoid the temptations of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Pet 2:3, Heb 13:5, 3 Jn 9:10, Matt 20:25-28)
  
3. **WHY:** The Chief Shepherd will give the great reward of the unfading \_\_\_\_\_ of glory to faithful elders! (v. 1b, 4)