

I'm an Elder, now What?

1 Peter 5:1-4

Peter's appeal to true spiritual leaders in God's church:

1. Care for the flock. How? (Ps. 23)

- They are creators of peace. (v. 2)
- They are willing to restore. (v. 3)
- They are ready to protect. (v. 4)
- They are eager to provide. (v. 5)

2. Watch over the flock.

- Willingly not Grudgingly
- Selflessly not Egotistically

3. Don't Lord over the flock. (Matt. 20:20-28)

- They are an example to others. Christians are to be servant leaders. Not dominating, but submissive.
"If you're too big to serve, you're too small to lead." – Rich Wilkerson Jr.
- If you do you will be rewarded by the Lord.

Points to Ponder:

- Leaders are more interested in creating peace than pandemonium!
- Leaders are more interested in restoration than retaliation!
- Leaders are more concerned about protection than self-preservation!
- Leaders are more interested in providing for than being provided for!
- Leaders are more interested in leading others by example than dominating others because of their position!