

AN ELDER'S JOB DESCRIPTION

1 PETER 5:1-4

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I. Three Basic Descriptions of an Elder (1)

1. A _____ of a plurality
2. A _____ of the sufferings of Christ
3. A _____ in future glory

II. One Main Role: _____ (2)

1. _____ (John 10:14)
2. _____ (1 Timothy 3:4-5)
3. _____ (1 Timothy 4:13)
4. _____ (John 10:11-12; Acts 20:28-30)

III. Three Notes on _____: (2-3)

1. Not under compulsion, but _____
2. Not for shameful gain, but _____
3. Not domineering, but as an _____

IV. One Main Goal: _____ (4)

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So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for further study and application of today's text of Scripture. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. One of the best ways to grow as a disciple is by discussing these types of questions in a small group. Find a small group here: gracebiblecw.com/lifegroup or ask someone next to you if you can join their group!

1. What aspects of God's character are on display in this passage?
2. How does this passage help you to love your city, your neighbors, and/or your family?
3. How can you apply this passage to your own life or to your small group?
4. What was most personally challenging from this passage or sermon?
5. How does this passage help shape your idea of community? Do you need to change how you can live in community with others?