

“Fulfilling Our Responsibilities to God’s Glory” 6/16/19

1 Peter 5:1-5

Sermon Series- “*Living for the Glory of God in a Hostile World*”

“*Therefore... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*” 1 Cor 10:31

Big Idea- Whether in external persecution or personal trials, God desires for His church (shepherds and sheep) to humbly serve one another and bring God glory.

The dice are thrown into the lap, but their every decision is from the LORD. (Pro 16:33 NET)

LESSON 1- Bringing God glory involves the responsibilities of the SHEPHERDS

- A. Peter is a fellow elder who has experienced the sufferings of CHRIST (2 Cor 1:5; Reasons Elders/Leaders suffer: 1) Sin nature; 2) Appointed; 3) Final Blame; 4) Misunderstood; 5) Gal 6:2; 6) Targeted Persecution
- B. Suffering for Elders/Shepherds will be followed by GLORY (Principle for all - **Rom 8:15-18**; 2 Cor 1:3-7; **4:7-18**; Matt 19:27-30)
- C. Elders are called to do the work of SHEPHERDING (Feeding, Teaching, Protecting, Overseer- John 21:15-17; Acts 20:27-32)
 - (i) No compulsion (Pressure, Guilt)
 - (ii) Willingly, according to God’s Will
 - (iii) No dishonest gain- money, power, prestige, (1 Tim 3:3b; Gal 6:6)
 - (iv) Eagerly- (1 Timothy 3:1) 1 Cor 9:7-11
 - (v) Not authoritative (Matthew 20:25-28- greatest is servant)
 - (vi) Examples to the flock- prayer, study, service- (1 Tim 4:12)
- D. Fulfilling these responsibilities brings with it REWARD (Romans 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Corinthians 3:1-8; Matt 19:27-30)

Going Deeper *God desires for the shepherds to fulfill their calling and be faithful!*
(1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

LESSON 2- Bringing God glory involves the responsibilities of the SHEEP

- A. The sheep are called to submit to their ELDERS (**1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**; **Hebrews 13:7, 17**; 1 Timothy 5:17)
- B. We are called to be clothed with HUMILITY (Philippians 2:3; Romans 12:3, 10, 16; Colossians 3:12)

Going Deeper *God desires sheep to honor and submit to those leaders that HE has put over you for your care!*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples