

# sermon notes

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November 2, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey | Verse By Verse Fellowship  
“Elders and Deacons” (Part 1) | 1 Peter 5:1-5

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1. The charge for elders: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:1-2a)
2. The caution for elders: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:2b-3)
3. The incentive for elders: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:4)
4. The expectation for the church: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:5a)
5. The plea for elders and the church: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5:5b)

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read 1 Peter 5:1-5. How was Peter like the elders of the church he was writing to? How was Peter different from them? Peter gives the elders one overarching command—shepherd! What does it mean to shepherd a flock of God (i.e. a church)? How is leading a church like leading a flock of sheep? How is sheep herding different from cattle herding?

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Is it okay for a person to have ambition to be an elder/overseer? Why does Paul want to affirm the office of an overseer as a “noble task” (3:1)? Why must an overseer be “above reproach”? What positive impact do honorable overseers have on a church body? What negative impact do dishonorable overseers have on a church body? Why is it an act of mercy to prevent an unqualified person from serving in church leadership?

### GET PERSONAL

What is your initial response when you read this from 1 Peter 5:5, “Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders?” Is it easy or difficult for you to submit to your church leaders? How are you at submitting to authority in general? The Bible speaks repeatedly about submission as a way of life for Christians (e.g. Rom 13:1; Eph 5:21-25; Col 3:18; 1 Pet 2:13-14; 3:5-6; Heb 13:17)? Why is it important for us to submit to authority? When is it appropriate to be unsubmitive to authority (see Ex 1:8-22; Dan 3:13-18; Acts 5:29)?

Why is humility so important in the life of a Christian? Why is humility necessary for both church leaders and church congregants? Is humility a show of strength or weakness?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

If you are an elder in the church, what are some ways that you can pray for your church body as part of your shepherding task? If you are not an elder in the church, what are some ways that you can regularly pray for your elders? How can you encourage your elders and make their leadership task one of joy and not groaning (see Heb 13:17-18).

### ADVANCED QUESTION

What’s the difference between an elder, an overseer, a deacon, a pastor, a bishop, etc.? Watch the following video to help you answer this question:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/l1OQQpvs8ta9>

Also read the following article to help you sort through these terms:

<https://www.9marks.org/article/hierarchy-church/>