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## **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN GOD'S FLOCK**

### **1 Peter 5:1-5 and Acts 20:26-38**

**Passage in a Sentence:** In a healthy church, elders will be shepherding and members will be submitting all while entrusting themselves to God and the Word of His grace.

- I. IN GOD'S FLOCK, ELDERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SHEPHERD FOR THE PEOPLE'S GOOD AND FOR GOD'S GLORY AND NOT JUST THEIR OWN GAIN. (1 Peter 5:1-4)**
  - a. Elders are to take responsibility for those entrusted to their care and shepherd with right actions.
    - i. Elders oversee the sheep with attentiveness.
    - ii. Elders guard the sheep with alertness.
    - iii. Elders teach the sheep with great affection.
  - b. Elders are to shepherd with right attitudes.
    - i. Not under compulsion but willingly.
    - ii. Not for shameful gain but eagerly.
    - iii. Not domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock.
  - c. Elders are to shepherd with right ambitions.
    - i. Elders should always remember that both reckoning and reward are coming.
  
- II. IN GOD'S FLOCK, MEMBERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT TO ELDERS WHO ARE FAITHFULLY TEACHING AND LIVING THE WORD. (1 Peter 5:5)**
  - a. Hebrews 13:7,17 "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."