

# SHEPHERD THE FLOCK OF GOD

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## To The Elders Of The Church: (v.1-4)

### 1. The Elders' Responsibility = \_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God.

*The imagery of a Pastor/Elder as a shepherd...*

- A Shepherd... \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep, \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep, \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.
- "Exercising oversight" means to \_\_\_\_\_ and watch after.

### 2. The Elders' Attitude:

- About Ministry -- not out of \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- About Income -- not to get \_\_\_\_\_, but to serve \_\_\_\_\_.
- About People -- not \_\_\_\_\_, but serve as an \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. The Shepherd's Reward = an \_\_\_\_\_ of glory from the chief Shepherd.

## To The Members Of The Church: (v.5)

### 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to the elders. *Hebrews 13:17*

## To Everyone: (v.5)

### 1. Clothe yourselves in \_\_\_\_\_ towards one another.

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*The imagery of a Pastor/Elder as a shepherd...*
  - A Shepherd... feeds the sheep, leads the sheep, protects the sheep.
  - "Exercising oversight" means to look over and watch after.
2. The Elders' Attitude:
  - About Ministry -- not out of duty, but delight.
  - About Income -- not to get rich, but to serve eagerly.
  - About People -- not domineering, but serve as an example.
3. The Shepherd's Reward = an unfading crown of glory from the chief Shepherd.

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