

Title: The Perfect Pastor

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Text: 1 Peter 5:1 - 4

Introduction: Having recently heard about the Perfect Church it is appropriate that equal time be given to the complimenting role of the Perfect Pastor. Yours will be the responsibility to care for shepherd of the flock of God He is sending you. There are many models for pastoral ministry these days. Yet the heart of ministry to the body of Christ is in large part pastoral. Someone has put it this way: People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care! I'd like to look at Peter's counsel to the church on this matter and offer several key areas that deal with the person and manner of ministry.

Key area No. 1: Peter declares the R _____ of S _____. "1 Peter 5:1,2a

- The **Q** _____ of Elders (Shepherds) **I Timothy 3:1-6 and Titus 1:6-9**
- The **E** _____ of Elders. "...a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who will also share in the glory to be revealed." - **1 Peter 5:1**
- The **E** _____ to Elders. "Be shepherd's of God's flock that is under your care." - **1 Peter 5:2**

Key area No. 2: Peter describes the M _____ of S _____. 1 Peter 5:2b,3

- **W** _____, NOT because you **M** _____.
- **E** _____, NOT **G** _____ for **M** _____.

- **E** _____, NOT **L** _____ it over others.

Key area No.3: Peter anticipates the R _____ of S _____. 1 Peter 5: 4

- The **A** _____ of the Chief Shepherd. "And **WHEN** the Chief Shepherd appears..."
- The **A** _____ of the Chief Shepherd. "...you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away."

Conclusion: The church today needs men who are more than CEO's of the corporation. It needs more than a charismatic leader to lead the charge of the church into His world. It needs more than a shrewd businessman to work financial wonders with diminishing resources. It needs a shepherd who will feed the sheep, care for the sheep, correct the sheep when they stray, and love the sheep through all seasons. You likely will not find a perfect shepherd. But look for those qualities counseled by Peter and then love him, listen to him and follow him as He follows the Chief Shepherd. So you will be blessed!