

Sermon Notes – July 9, 2023

The Purpose of the Pastor (*1 Peter 5:1-4*)

- I. To be a Humble Servant of God. (*Vs. 1*)
 - A. Peter the fellow elder.
 - B. Peter the witness of the suffering of Christ. (Apostle: Acts 1)
 - C. Peter the partaker of the glory to be revealed. (Heaven; eternal life.)

- II. To be a Shepherd to the Flock. (*Vss. 2-3*)
 - A. Feed my Sheep: Jesus, John 21:15ff.
 - 1. Care for the flock of God like God. (*Acts 20:17-38*)
 - 2. Preach/teach the Word of God. (*1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:1-8*)
 - B. Oversee the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 1. As a Bishop (Overseer.) (*1 Timothy 3*)
 - 2. As an Elder. (*1 Timothy 5:17-20*)
 - 3. As a Pastor. (*Ephesians 4:11-16*)
 - a. Exercising oversight by the call of God.
 - b. Motivated by service, not money. (*Hebrews 13:17*)
 - c. Being examples to the flock instead of being little gods.
 - 1. The church is a spiritual business, not a secular business.
 - 2. The church is to be guided by spiritual servants, not special celebrities.

- III. To be Pleasing to the Chief Shepherd. (*Vs. 4*)
 - A. Leaders are to seek the applause of God over the applause of people.
 - B. Leaders are to seek the glory of God over glorifying self.
 - C. Leaders are to seek the crown of glory over the trinkets of the world. (*1 Corinthians 3:11-15*) (*Matthew 6:33*)