

1 Peter 5:1-7

One Point: Lead Well by Honoring Your Leaders

1. Think of a Christian leader who has had a lasting impact in your life? What outstanding qualities did they possess? How did God use them in your life?
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Read v. 1-4

1. What does it mean to be shepherds of God's flock? (v. 2) How does this relate to being a leader? (Matt 20:25-28)
 2. What responsibilities are given to shepherd leaders in vs. 1-3? (What are some of the wrong motivations to "shepherd the flock?")
 3. What is the crown of glory that Peter is talking about in v. 4? How does someone earn it? (A literal crown that is a symbol of victorious achievement and perseverance, granted to the faithful)
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Read v. 5-7

1. What advice is Peter giving to the young men in the church? How can you exemplify this in your life?
 2. What do older believers in the church have that younger ones don't? How can we honor them for it?
 3. Why does Peter end with verse 7? How can you live out verse 7?
 4. In what ways can you encourage your pastor this week and demonstrate support for his ministry?
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What I will be talking about

The instructions in this passage are for those who are leaders in the church (elders, bishops, pastors), but the principles apply to all leaders, not just those who hold a title. Peter was an elder (not just a reference to his age, but also to his position of leadership), but his instructions are for all leaders to follow the example of the Lord Jesus in how they lead others.