

First Peter

1 Pet. 5:1-7

1 Pet. 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

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1. Their spiritual maturity, 5:1

- a. Where there was no compromise, 5:1a “The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder...”

Original Word: πρεσβύτερος

Transliteration: presbuteros

Definition: elder, usually used as subst.; an elder, a member of the Sanhedrin, an elder of a Christian assembly

presbýteros – properly, a *mature man* having seasoned judgment (experience); an *elder*.

The NT specifies elders are *men*. (The feminine singular, *presbytera*, never occurs in the Bible.)

[The feminine plural, *presbyteras*, occurs in 1 Tim 5:2. It refers to *aged women*, i.e. not women with an official church office or title.]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4245.htm>

b. Where there was no comparison, 5:1b "...and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:"

2. Their spiritual ministry, 5:2a "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*..."

Original Word: ποιμαίνω

Transliteration: poimainó

Definition: I shepherd, tend, herd; hence: I rule, govern.

poimainō – properly, to *shepherd*, caring for (protecting) the flock. *poimainō* ("shepherding, pastoring") is distinct from "feeding" *bóskō* and *poimainō* focuses on "*tending*" ("*shepherding*") (*WS*, 274), which includes guarding, guiding, and folding the flock and is only provided (ultimately) by Jesus Christ – *the Shepherd*, who calls under-shepherds (such as elder-overseers) to guard and guide His people by His direction (1 Pet 5:1-5). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4165.htm>

Mt. 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall **rule** my people Israel.

Jn. 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed** my sheep.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to **feed** the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Rev. 2:27 And he shall **rule** them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Rev. 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall **rule** them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Original Word: ποιμήν

Transliteration: poimén

Definition: a shepherd; hence met: of the feeder, protector, and ruler of a flock of men.

poimén – properly, a *shepherd* ("pastor" in *Latin*); (figuratively) someone who the Lord raises up to *care* for the total well-being of His flock (the people of the Lord).

Jn. 10:11 I am the good **shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Eph. 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Heb. 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great **shepherd** of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1 Pet. 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the **Shepherd** and Bishop of your souls.

Original Word: ἐπισκοπέω

Transliteration: episkopeó

Definition: I exercise oversight, care for, visit. (Noun → Bishop)

episkopéō (from *epí*, "on, fitting," intensifying *skopéō*, "look intently") – properly, focus on, look at with real (caring) interest. The prefix (*epí*) implies "looking with *fitting, apt* concern," a looking *on* that requires what that naturally leads to.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1983.htm>

3. Their spiritual motivation, 5:2b "...not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"

Original Word: ἀναγκαστῶς

Transliteration: anagkastós

Definition: by way of compulsion, unwillingly, by force, necessarily.

anagkastós (an adverb) – *of necessity*, i.e. by compulsion because required (obligatory). <http://biblehub.com/greek/317.htm>

Original Word: ἑκουσίως

Transliteration: hekousiós

Definition: willingly, of one's own accord, spontaneously.

hekousiós – properly, willingly (willfully), i.e. "what is of *free-will*" (J. Thayer).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1596.htm>

Original Word: προθύμως

Transliteration: prothumós

Definition: readily, eagerly, **with a ready mind**, cheerfully

Prothýmōs – properly, passion shown in advance, i.e. *pre-inclined*, "thoroughly willing."

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4290.htm>

4. Their spiritual manner, 5:3

1 Pet. 5:3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

2 Cor. 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Original Word: τύπος

Transliteration: tupos

Definition: (originally: the mark of a blow, then a stamp struck by a die), (a) a figure; a copy, image, (b) a pattern, model, (c) a type, prefiguring something or somebody.

týpos (from *týptō*, "strike repeatedly") – properly, a *model* forged by *repetition*; (figuratively) the correct *paradigm*, based on *reliable precedent* for others to then *follow*, (i.e. the right *example*, a proper *pattern*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5179.htm>

1 Tim. 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an **example** of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

2 Thess. 3:9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an **ensample** unto you to follow us.

Titus 2:7 In all things shewing thyself a **pattern** of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

1 Cor. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

Original Word: κλη̃ρος

Transliteration: kléros

Definition: (a) a lot, (b) a portion assigned; hence: a portion of the people of God assigned to one's care, a congregation ("...over *God's* heritage...")

kléros (a masculine noun derived from *klēro*, "to cast a *lot*") – properly, a *lot*, cast to distribute ("apportion").

Acts 1:17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained **part** of this ministry.

Col. 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the **inheritance** of the saints in light:

5. Their spiritual majesty, 5:4

1 Pet. 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Heb. 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for **they watch for your souls, as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

BELIEVERS' CROWNS

Title	Reason	Reference
An Imperishable Crown	For leading a disciplined life	<u>1 Cor. 9:25</u>
A Crown of Rejoicing	For evangelism and discipleship	<u>1 Thess. 2:19</u>
A Crown of Righteousness	For loving the Lord's appearing	<u>2 Tim. 4:8</u>
A Crown of Life	For enduring trials	<u>James 1:12;</u> <u>Rev. 2:10</u>
A Crown of Glory	For shepherding God's flock faithfully	<u>1 Pet. 5:4</u>

B. Rules for the sheep, 5:5-7

1 Pet. 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1. Humility is required, 5:5a “Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder...”
2. Humility is reasonable, 5:5b “...Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility...”

Original Word: ἐγκομβόομαι

Transliteration: egkomboomai

Definition: I clothe myself (originally: I tie round in a knot).
(The way that servants were dressed.)

egkombóomai (from 1722/en, "in the condition" and *kombos*, "a roll, band, girth") – properly, the condition in which someone is secured (literally, "tucked up"); figuratively, clothed (securely girded). <http://biblehub.com/greek/1463.htm>

Prov. 3:34 Surely he scorneth the scornors: but **he giveth grace unto the lowly.**

Jas. 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.**

3. Humility is rewarded, 5:6-7

a. The prospect, 5:6

1 Pet. 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

b. The present, 5:7

1 Pet. 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Psa. 55:22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Original Word: μέριμνα

Transliteration: merimna

Definition: care, worry, anxiety.

Cognate: 3308 *mérimna* (see 3307 /*merízō*, "divide") – properly, a *part, separated* from the whole; (figuratively) *worry (anxiety), dividing and fracturing* a person's being *into parts*. See 3309 (*merimnaō*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/3308.htm>

Original Word: μέλει

Transliteration: meló

Definition: it is a care, it is an object of anxiety, it concerns.

mélō (the third person singular of *melō*, "to care, be concerned") – to care about (be concerned with), especially paying attention (giving thought) to – i.e. "taking an interest" (*L-S*) with the "implication of some apprehension . . ."

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3199.htm>

Luke 10:40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not **care** that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

Conclusion

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.