

## 9 Reminders for Pastors

### I Peter 5.2-9

(I'm aware that many think Peter's pastoral advice for pastor's ends at verse 4, but perhaps not.)

1Peter 5:2 **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;

#### #1

- a. "Preach the Word" II Tim 4.2
- b. The spiritual gift of pastor-teacher is not necessarily required, but certainly would be helpful, but it gives us the sense that the two responsibilities might be linked, Eph 4.11.
- c. Elders must be able to teach, I Timothy 3.2.

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

#### #2

- a. Learn to delegate. Don't keep all the decision-making to yourself.
- b. Avoid the temptation (*natural tendency*) to be bossy.
- c. "He that is least among you all, the same shall be great." Luke 9.48
- d. "He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve," Luke 22.26

#### #3

- a. Always set a good example, I Cor 11.1, "Be ye followers of me even as I follow Christ."
- b. "The things that thou hast learned of me, among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, that they shall teach others also," II Timothy 2.2.
- c. "Be followers together of me. . .as an example."

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

1Peter 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.

#### #4

- a. Learn to take advice.
- b. "A wise man listens to advice," Proverbs 12.15. *[NASB]*
- c. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety," Proverbs 24.6

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

#### #5

- a. Always be in the learning mode.
- b. "Not to think of himself more highly than he ought," Rom 12.3.
- c. "Let each esteem others better than themselves," Phil 2.3.

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

#### #6

- a. Worry not nor be anxious.
- b. "Be careful [*anxious*] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil 4.6,7.
- c. "Take therefore no thought [*worries*] for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself." Matt 6.34.
- d. "Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid," John 14.27.

1Peter 5:8 **Be sober, be vigilant**; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**#7**

- a. A laughing pastor is great. Church clown is not.
- b. Stay calm. Stay serious. Be clear-headed at all times.
- c. Abide in Him, rest, John 15.4

**#8**

- a. You are in a spiritual warfare with Satan, so be watchful.
- b. Be aware of what is happening to your sheep. “Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,” Prov 27.23.
- c. Know the spiritual climate of both your culture and your congregation. What is likely to misdirect your sheep?
- d. Be alert that Satan is active in every congregation member’s realm.
- e. Eve was beguiled by Satan. Your people can be also. II Cor 11.3.

1Peter 5:9 Whom **resist steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

**#9**

- a. Satan is not thwarted by reciting chants and mantras. He is defeated by your dependence upon the Lord Jesus.
- b. “Resist The Devil and he will flee from you,” James 4.7. And teach your people to do the same.
- c. Beware! Satan appears as “an angel of light,” II Cor 11.14