

First Peter 5:1-5

- It is important to realize the topic has been suffering and will continue to be suffering even as we read about elders in the church.
- Peter is personal in chapter 5 referring to himself (an elder) and referencing his own experience (Christ's suffering on the cross)

First Peter 5:1 – **So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:**

4245 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	3870 [e]	3588 [e]	4850 [e]	2532 [e]	3144 [e]	3588 [e]
Presbyterous	tous	en	hymīn	parakalō	ho	sympresbyteros	kai	martys	tōn
1 Πρεσβυτέρους	[τοὺς]	ἐν	ὑμῖν	παρακαλῶ	, ὁ	συμπρεσβύτερος	καὶ	μάρτυς	τῶν
Elders	-	among	you	I exhort	-	a fellow elder	and	witness	of the
Adj-AMP	Art-AMP	Prep	PPro-D2P	V-PIA-1S	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	Art-GNP
				para = "beside" kaleo = "to call"		syn = "with", "together" presbuteros = "elder"			
3588 [e]	5547 [e]	3804 [e]	3588 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	3195 [e]	601 [e]	1391 [e]	2844 [e]
tou	Christou	pathēmātōn	ho	kai	tēs	mellousēs	apokalyptesthai	doxēs	koinōnos
τοῦ	Χριστοῦ	παθημάτων	, ὁ	καὶ	τῆς	μελλούσης	ἀποκαλύπτεισθαι	δόξης	κοινωνός :
-	of Christ	sufferings	who [am]	also	of the	being about	to be revealed	glory	partaker
Art-GMS	N-GMS	N-GNP	Art-NMS	Conj	Art-GFS	V-PPA-GFS	V-PNM/P	N-GFS	N-NMS

- In this letter written to guide the church through suffering Peter takes time to direct the leadership (elders, overseers).
 - The elders were to prepare the people to suffer
 - The elders were to empower the people to focus, grow and be strengthened by the knowledge of the coming glory that would be revealed.
- παρακαλῶ – *parakalo* – “to call to one’s side”, “to exhort”, “appeal”, “to encourage”, “to comfort”, “to urge”. Compound word made up of:
 - παρα – *para* = “beside”
 - καλεῶ – *kaleo* = “to call”
- “elders” is *presbyterous* meaning “elder”, “older”, “presbyter”. This refers to the older, elder members of the community.
 - This could be an office, but more likely this describes the person and the role than the role and the title of an office.
- Peter calls himself a “witness” - μάρτυς - *martys* –
 - “witness”, “an eye-witness”
 - This word is based on a person who can provide evidence.
 - It can mean more than just an eyewitness, but also one who has experience by participation who can bare testimony concerning their involvement in the event and knowledge of the experience.
- κοινωνός – *koinonos* - /koy-NO-nos/ = “partner”, “sharer”, “companion”, “participant”
 - From Greek word κοινός – *koinos* – meaning “common”, “shared”
- ἀποκαλύπτω – *apokalupto* - /ah-po-kah-LOOP-to/ - “to reveal”, “to uncover”, “to disclose”

a. From two words:

- i. *apo* meaning “away”, “from”
- ii. *kalupto* meaning “to cover”, “to conceal”

5:2 – shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

4165 [e]	3588 [e]	1722 [e]	4771 [e]	4168 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	1983 [e]	3361 [e]	317 [e]
poimante	to	en	hymn	poimnion	tou	Theou	episkopountes	mē	anankastōs
2 ποιμάνετε	τὸ	ἐν	ὑμῖν	ποίμνιον	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ἐπισκοποῦντες	μὴ	ἀναγκαστῶς
Shepherd	the	among	you	flock	-	of God	exercising oversight	not	under compulsion
V-AMA-2P	Art-ANS	Prep	PPro-D2P	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-PPA-NMP	Adv	Adv

235 [e]	1596 [e]	2596 [e]	2316 [e]	3366 [e]	147 [e]	235 [e]	4290 [e]	pro = "before"
alla	hekousiōs	kata	Theon	mēde	aischrokerdōs	alla	prothymōs	thumos = "passion", "spirit"
ἀλλὰ	ἐκούσιως	κατὰ	Θεόν	μηδὲ	αἰσχροκερδῶς	ἀλλὰ	προθύμως	Meaning - "willing", "eager", "ready"
but	willingly	according to	God	and not	for base gain	but	eagerly	
Conj	Adv	Prep	N-AMS	Conj	Adv	Conj	Adv	

1. “Shepherd” (Greek *poimaino*) literally means “to tend” which for a shepherd of sheep would include feeding, leading and guarding.

a. Jesus summed this up for Peter with the word “feed” in John 21:16 -

“He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”

4165 [e]	3588 [e]	4263 [e]	1473 [e]
Poimaine	ta	probata	mou
Ποίμαινε	τὰ	πρόβατά	μου .
Shepherd	the	sheep	of Me
V-PMA-2S	Art-ANP	N-ANP	PPro-G1S

2. *episkopountes* – *episkopountes* – is a form of the word *episkopeō* – *episkopeo* – meaning “to oversee”, “to look upon”, “to care for”. It is a compound word from:

- a. *epi* = “upon”, “over”
- b. *skopeo* = “to look”, “to watch”
- c. Here is another word that describes a role, a function, an act of service, but NOT a title or an office.

3. *Anankastos* – “under compulsion” – “compelled”, “forced” and meaning to do something by force and unwillingly.

4. *Aischrokerdos* – “for base gain” – “pursuing dishonest gain”, “greedy for gain”, “dirty greed”

- a. The Greek word is too strong for a simple translation of “in it for the money”,
- b. This compound word means something shameful
 - i. *aischros* = “shameful”, “dishonorable”

- ii. *kerdos* = “gain”, “profit”
- c. Biblical examples:
 - i. 1 Timothy 3:3
 - ii. 1 Timothy 6:5
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 9:6, 12, 15-18
 - iv. 2 Corinthians 12:11-13 -
- 5. The elder (or, the leader) of the church is given three basic guidelines to follow while serving as an overseer of God’s people:
 - a. Serve willingly and not grudgingly. This is similar to the way believers are to give money, time or anything to the Lord according to 2 Cor. 9:7. You are not obligated to lead a church or serve as elder or commit to pastoring.
 - b. Serve enthusiastically with zeal for the cause of Christ’s vision for the church. Do not serve for selfish reasons, which could be many: pay, career, popularity, fits personality profile in the high school counselor’s office, etc. Elders in the church of Peter’s Day did receive payment for their ministry as is seen in 1 Timothy 5:17 and 1 Corinthians 9:7-11. If elders did not get paid in the first century church, then there would have been no temptation to do it for the wrong reason.
 - c. Lead by example not by being the authority as is seen in the words “not lord it over...being examples.” The command to “give shepherd’s care is developed with the direct words not lord it over...being examples.”.

<i>Episkopoi</i>	Overseer
<i>Presbuteroi</i>	Elder
<i>Poimenes</i>	Shepherd (pastor)

NOT	YES
Forced	Willingly
Greedy	Enthusiastically
Lord it over	Role Model

5:3 – not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

3366 [e]	5613 [e]	2634 [e]	3588 [e]	2819 [e]	235 [e]	5179 [e]	1096 [e]	3588 [e]	4168 [e]
mēd'	hōs	katakryieuentes	tōn	klērōn	alla	typoi	ginomenoi	tou	poimniou
3 μηδ'	ὡς	κατακυριεύοντες	τῶν	κλήρων ,	ἀλλὰ	τύποι	γινόμενοι	τοῦ	ποιμνίου .
not	as	exercising lordship over	-	those in your charge	but	examples	being	to the	flock
Conj	Adv	V-PPA-NMP	Art-GMP	N-GMP	Conj	N-NMP	V-PPM/P-NMP	Art-GNS	N-GNS

1. “those in your charge” or “those allotted to your charge” is the translation of the Greek word **kleroo** which means “to make a possession” and is where we get our English word “clergy.”
2. The negative side of Peter’s desire for church leaders could be summed up in three negative descriptors:
 - a. Lazy
 - b. Greed
 - c. Authoritarian

3. None of these would be helpful leadership skills in times of church members suffering persecution.
4. The churches were house churches with small groups that made up the local church body of believers in a city.

5:4 – And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

2532 [e]	5319 [e]	3588 [e]	750 [e]	2865 [e]	3588 [e]	262 [e]	3588 [e]	1391 [e]
kai	phanerōthentos	tou	Archipoimenos	komieisthe	ton	amarantinon	tēs	doxēs
4 καὶ	φανερωθέντος	τοῦ	Ἀρχιποίμενος	, κομiejσθε	τὸν	ἀμαράντινον	τῆς	δόξης
And	having been revealed	the	Chief Shepherd	you will receive	the	unfading	-	of glory
Conj	V-APP-GMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-FIM-2P	Art-AMS	Adj-AMS	Art-GFS	N-GFS

4735 [e]
stephanon
στέφανον
crown
N-AMS

From the word *stepho* meaning "to circle", "to crown"
This is a garland of leaves to make a wreath that is placed on the head of the victor in athletics, warfare or honor at a celebration

1. *Stephanos* is a "wreath", a garland of leaves awarded to the victor or the winner in athletics, warfare or other honor at a celebration. (Not a diadem.) 1 Pt. 1:4 – it is "unfading"; 1 Co. 9:25

5:5 – Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

3668 [e]	3501 [e]	5293 [e]	4245 [e]	3956 [e]	1161 [e]	240 [e]	3588 [e]
Homoiōs	neōteroi	hypotagēte	presbyterois	pantes	de	allēlois	tēn
5 Ὅμοiως	, νεώτεροι	, ὑποτάγητε	πρεσβυτέροις	. πάντες	δὲ	ἀλλήλοις	τὴν
Likewise	younger [ones]	be subject	to [your] elders	All	now	one to another	-
Adv	Adj-VMP-C	V-AMP-2P	Adj-DMP-C	Adj-VMP	Conj	RecPro-DMP	Art-AFS

5012 [e]	1463 [e]	3754 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	5244 [e]	498 [e]
tapeinophrosynēn	enkombōsasthe	hoti	Ho	Theos	hyperēphanois	antitassetai
ταπεινοφροσύνην	ἐγκομβώσασθε	, ὅτι	, Ὁ	Θεός	ὑπερηφάνοις	ἀντιτάσσεται
humility	gird on	because	-	God	[the] proud	opposes
N-AFS	V-AMM-2P	Conj	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Adj-DMP	V-PIM-3S

5011 [e]	1161 [e]	1325 [e]	5485 [e]
tapeinois	de	didōsin	charin
ταπεινοῖς	δὲ	δίδωσιν	χάριν
to [the] humble	however	He gives	grace
Adj-DMP	Conj	V-PIA-3S	N-AFS

1. "younger" refers to everyone who is not an "elder" or an "older" one. The elders are to lead by example and everyone else is to follow.
2. "All of you" refers to the elders and the younger.