

The Duties of the Elder or Minister

1 Peter 05: 01–04

1 *Peter stresses his right to be heard*

- a. He was an elder
- b. He witnessed Jesus' death
- c. He was to be a partaker of Jesus' glory

**2 *The charge:
Shepherd, care for the flock of God***

- a. Willingly,
not by force
- b. Readily,
not for gain
- c. As an example,
not dominating

**3 *The result:
A crown of glory***

- a. From the Chief Shepherd
- b. At His appearance

1 To the elders among you,
I appeal as a fellow elder,
a witness of Christ's sufferings
and one who also will share
in the glory to be revealed:

2 Be shepherds of God's flock
that is under your care,
serving as overseers —
not because you must,
but because you are willing,
as God wants you to be;
not greedy for money,
but eager to serve;

3 Not lording it over those entrusted to you,
but being examples to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the crown of glory
that will never fade away.