

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for January 27-28, 1996

"Shepherding the Flock"

I Peter 5:1-4

What are the responsibilities of Shepherds? (I Peter 5:1-2)

Keep the sheep together

Keep the sheep properly nourished

Keep the sheep protected

How did Peter prepare them to do this? (I Peter 5:1)

He alerts them - "therefore"

He identifies himself with them - "fellow elder"

He gently reminds them of his authority- "eyewitness"

He points to their future hope - "partaker also of the glory"

How are we to shepherd? (I Peter 5:2-3)

We are to put ourselves in a position to oversee

We are to put ourselves in a position to be an example

We are not to shepherd under compulsion

We are not to shepherd for sordid gain

"sordid gain" - (AISCHROKERDOS) It literally means "fond of dishonest gain". This is a strong word. Peter considered ministry motivated by money to be a crime against the avoided Lord and the Lord's flock.

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We are not to lord it over the flock

"Lord it over" - (KATAKUPIEUO) It means to exercise authority against someone, to one's own advantage.

Why would someone want to shepherd (I Peter 5:4)