

1 Peter 5 • How a Christian Acts

1. (v.1-4) Characteristics of the true, biblical **pastor**:
 - a. He is not a corporate **CEO** but a **shepherd** who lives with, cares for, and feeds the **flock** in the course of leading them. (v.1-2)
 - b. It is not simply a **job** to him; he **serves** from the heart. (v.2)
 - c. Leads by personal **example**. (v.3)
 - d. Works for **rewards** not guaranteed in this life but the one to come. (v.4)
 - e. **Overall**: True, biblical pastors are more concerned about pleasing and glorifying **Christ** than anyone else. And they know that this is accomplished by fulfilling His command to love and shepherd the **flock** to His glory, not their own
2. (v.5-7) We should allow times of **suffering** to bring us low before Him so we will be properly **exalted** when He determines we're fit and ready.
3. (v.8-11) First comes **suffering**, then **equipping**, **confirmation**, **strength**, and ultimately spiritual **perfection**.
4. (v.12-14) Personal examples of standing **firm**.

Overall Application:

- (v.1-4) Be **Faithful**
- (v.5-7) Be **Humble**
- (v.8-11) Be **Watchful**