

1 Peter 5:1-3 (KJV) 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 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; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

## I. Feed the Flock

### A. Pastor Preparation

1. must be fed from the WORD
  - a. Allow Him Time in his schedule
  - b. Provide exposure to preaching

2. Pastor must be in fellowship with the LORD

3. Pastor must be first for his family  
(that does not mean there are no sacrifices)

### B. Pastor's preaching / teaching

1. Biblical
2. Bold
3. Balanced

## II. Lead the Flock

### A. Gather the flock (create unity)

1. Major on the Major (pick your hills to die on)

Romans 14:1 (KJV) 1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

“Die on Doctrine”

What separation is not

Not a clear evidence of being born again

Not a gauge of a close walk with God

Should not be our test for fellowship

What separation is for  
To be separated from sin because God  
plainly calls some things sin  
To make no provision for the flesh  
To give testimony of a changed life

Real worship centers on God  
Worship is giving Him praise by giving  
back to Him  
Real worship involves humbling ourselves  
before a Holy God

Worship glorifies Him and Him alone  
Worship is pure in motive  
Worship unifies the people of God  
When there is no unity in the church,  
there is no real worship

Bible is a book of doctrine and principle, not a rule book  
The Holy Spirit is our guide

B. Guard the flock They

*will keep track and account* for each one of them (“nor will any be missing”)

tend to their wounds

C. Guide them in God’s will

### III. Love the Flock – among you

A. Commitment

B. Patience

C. Forgiveness