

Disciple's Quest

If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 8:31



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Instructions For The Elders Part 1

1 Peter 5:1-4

Main Idea:

Peter concludes his first epistle with some practical instructions for the believers in the churches of Asia Minor, beginning with the elders who had been called by God to serve as His under-shepherds.

Outline:

1) The Witness (v. 1)

Peter describes himself in terms of his (then) present; his past; and his future.

- His present identification: Apostle (1:1) and fellow elder
- His past: a witness of the sufferings of Christ
- His future: a partner in the glory to be revealed

2) The Work (v 2a)

3) The Way (vv. 2b – 3)

4) The Reward (v. 4)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 How would you define humility?

How does the Christian understanding of humility differ from the world's understanding?

Do you agree with Pastor Vaughn that humility is essential to spiritual maturity?

#2 How is Peter's humility evident in his description of himself in 5:1?

#3 How does humility manifest itself in healthy relationships within the local church? How about within the Christian home?

#4 According to the message, what was the significance of Peter's identifying himself as "a witness of the sufferings of Christ"?

#5 Why do you think he underscored that candid admission to his fellow elders?

#6 Do you really believe that God forges our character as believers not just in spite of our occasional self-inflicted troubles, but through them?

What does His ability to do that tell us about Him?