

The Secret to Success in God's Kingdom

1 Peter 5:1-5

1. Peter Exhorts the Elders (Peter's Platform) vs. 1, Luke 9:46-48
 - a. I am a Fellow Elder
 - a. I Witnessed Christ's Suffering
 - b. I Will Partake in Glory with You
2. Shepherd the Flock Among You (Peter's Plea) vs. 2-3
 - a. Do:
 - i. Exercise Oversight
 - ii. So Willingly – as God Would Have You
 - iii. So Eagerly
 - iv. Be an Example to the Flock
 - b. Do Not:
 - i. Act Under Compulsion
 - ii. Act For Shameful Gain
 - iii. Be Domineering
3. When the Chief Shepherd Appears (A Promise) vs. 4, Hebrews 13:20
 - a. Unfading Crown of Glory
4. Peter exhorts the Flock (The Presage) vs. 5, James 4:10
 - a. Be Subject to the Elders (Especially younger believers)
 - b. Clothe Yourselves in Humility
 - i. God Opposes the Proud but Gives Grace to the Humble!

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. Why did Peter remind his readers of his personal standing?
2. Why are there so many sheep/shepherd analogies in the Bible (suggest alternative illustrations)?
3. Why do you think Peter called upon younger believers, in particular, to be subject to the elders?
4. Who can help me with my pride problem?

For additional study: Humility, Andrew Murray, <https://a.co/d/0AwHFoG>

“Here is the path to the higher life: down, lower down! Just as water always seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds men abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless.” — Andrew Murray