“BE SHEPHERDS”

1 Peter 5:1–14

Key Verses: 5:2,3

1. Who does Peter address first? (1–4) What does it mean to be an “elder”? How and why does Peter appeal to them personally, and what does he mean? (1)
2. Read verses 2,3. What does this teach us about good and bad shepherds and about the people under them? How can we be “willing,” “eager to serve,” and good “examples” to people? What hope does Peter give? (4)
3. Who does Peter address next? (5a) Why do younger people struggle to submit to their elders? What does it mean to “submit”?
4. Why is humility so important for us all, and how can we have it? (5b,6) What else should we do, and why? (7)
5. What warning and admonition does Peter give? (8,9) What can we learn here from his imagery of the devil? (8b) How can we “be alert and of sober mind”? (8a) How can we “resist” the devil? (9) What promise does Peter give, and why? (10)
6. What are Peter’s final greetings? (11–14) What does it mean to “stand fast” in “the true grace of God”?