

1. PETER'S NEGATIVE INJUNCTIONS TO ELDERS

1. NOT OF CONSTRAINT (1 Peter 5:1-3)

1. Not by compulsion (forced). Reluctantly, BUT: Willingly, ready to suffer, ready always to do the Lord's will.

2. NOR FOR FILTHY LUCRE

1. Not as a means of a livelihood. This shows that elders at one time at least were paid.
2. Forbidden to do the work with a view to the pay.
3. Elders, preachers, or others who do any part of the Lord's work for pay are unworthy.

3. NEITHER AS BEING LORDS OF GOD'S HERITAGE

1. If a church member, or a whole church sets out to do something that is not right and the elders object, they may be reminded they are not to "lord it" over the church.
2. On the other hand the elder may take the passage (heb. 13:7) having the word "rule" and put a forced construction upon it. See also: 1Tim.5:17 Heb. 13:17,24.

2. DUTIES OF THE ELDERS

1. TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES Acts 20:28

2. TAKE HEED (FEED) THE CHURCH OF GOD Acts 20:28

3. THEIR DUTIES AND THE HOW OF THEIR DUTIES REVEALED.  
Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24; 1 Pet. 5:1-3

4. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE LITERAL SHEPHERD IN THE LEADING OF THE SPIRITUAL SHEPHERD.

1. He is to keep the sheep from straying.
2. He is to lead them to water and pasturage by day, and back to the fold, when need be, at night.
3. He is to protect them from all danger by day and by night.
4. He leads the sheep, goes before, by example.

3. THE REWARD FOR THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. ~~Me~~ A crown of glory that fadeth not away."  
1 Peter 5:4

