



Rewarded for how well we shepherd others

1 Peter 5:1-4

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

I. Analyzing the Passage

- A. Those who shepherd others well will receive the crown of glory
- B. Immediate application to those who are called, appointed and function as visible spiritual leaders in the church
- C. Implied meaning; if you take on the role of shepherding, this is how you should do it and this is the reward you can expect

II. How to shepherd people so that you can receive a reward

- A. Shepherd people willingly
- B. Be eager to shepherd people from pure motives

C. Don't lord it over people but be an example for them to follow

III. Receiving the crown of life

1. Love your neighbor
2. Shepherd the people entrusted to you...who are they?
3. Check your attitude
4. Check your heart
5. Check your ethos
6. Check your behavior