

Message Notes

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Stand Firm: A Study in 1 Peter
The Key to a Healthy Church
(1 Peter 5:1-7)
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◆ Mutual _____ is the _____ to a healthy church. (1 Pet 5:6)

A Word to The Church & Its Leaders

◆ *Elder*, _____ & _____ are the same word in the NT. (Eph 4:11)

◆ Elders are men who “_____ their _____” to the office of eldership and meet specific _____ qualifications. (1 Tim 3:1-7; Tit 1:5-9)

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. **1 Peter 5:2-3**

◆ An elder must _____, _____, _____ & _____ for God's flock.

◆ An elder should serve _____, eagerly & by _____.

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **1 Peter 5:5 (ESV)**

◆ The *flock* should _____ to the elders' _____. (Heb 13:7)

The Clothes of the Church

◆ The church should _____ itself w/ _____. (Mk 10:42-45; Jn 13:4)

◆ *Pride*: lifting _____ up; *Humility*: waiting for _____ to lift me up.

◆ God is *actively* _____ to pride. (Is 14:13-15; Prov 16:18; Jms 4:4-6)

① Constantly _____ on the wonder of the _____. (2 Cor 5:21)

② Acknowledge our _____ upon & _____ for God. (Lk 11:3-4)

③ Express our _____ & _____ to God. (Ps 118:28; Col 3:17)

④ _____ all our _____ upon the Lord. (Ps 37:5; Mt 6:25-34; 1 Pet 5:7)

⑤ _____ each other w/our _____. (Deut 1:38; 1 Pet 2:1; Heb 10:25)

◆ Only by _____ in humility will we receive God's _____!