1 1 Peter Lesson 21 Feed The Flock

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2 1 Peter Lesson 21 Chapter 5:1-5

1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1 Peter 5:1-5

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Verse 1:

The elders which are among you I exhort, (Ac 11:30, Ti 1:5) who am also an elder, [Note-Peter didn't tell them he was the Head of the Church!] and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, (Mk 14:33-34; Ac 1:22) and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: (4:13, see also the parallel chapter in

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Verse 2:

Feed the flock of God [∥]which is among you, (v.3, Jn 21:6, Ac 20:28 – a different "flock")

taking the oversight thereof, (LM here. FM= Num 3:32)

not by constraint, [only usage here] but willingly; (FM: Ex 25:2, 1 Co 9:17) not for filthy lucre, (1 Ti 3:3,8; Ti 1:7) but of a ready mind; (Ac 17:11, 2 Co 8:19)

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Verse 3:

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over *God*'s heritage, (LM. FM = Ex 6:8, Jer 12:15, Joel 3:2)

but being ensamples to the flock.

Spot the difference:

- 1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- 1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

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Verse 4:

And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, (2:25, Heb 13:20) ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. (1:4)

Contrast this with a crown of righteousness for us:

• 2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

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Verse 5:

Likewise, ye younger,

submit yourselves unto the elder. (1 Ti 5:1)

Yea, all of you be subject one to another, (Ro 12:10)

and be clothed with humility: (Eph 4:2)

for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. (Pro 16:19)

• Proverbs 16:19 Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.