









The Work of elders





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So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:



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The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him...



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We ask you, brothers, to respect those who **labor among you** and are over you in the Lord and admonish you





If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be...able to teach



He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.



Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.



I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house...



For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.





Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them



Thus says the Lord God to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?



The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken



nor brought back what was driven away, **nor sought what was lost**; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.



If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninetynine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?



And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.



Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.



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