



***Elders – How To Be  
Examples To The Flock  
1 Peter 5:1-4***

# ***How Christians Can Have Joy In Suffering***

- 1. Expect to be persecuted – v.12***
- 2. Rejoice the more you suffer since your reward increases – v.13***
- 3. Have joy because God approves of you – v.14***
- 4. Do not be ashamed to be called a Christian – v.16***
- 5. Understand that God is judging the church to eliminate unbelievers – v.17-18***
- 6. It is God's will that Christians suffer. Trust Him. – v.19***

# ***Therefore, I Exhort You***

***1 Peter 5:1***

**Important truths to remember:**

**1. Elders are overseers**

- **Term Elders refers to a man's \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Term Overseer refers to a man's \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. There were a plurality of elders in every church.**

**3. Qualifications of elders are given in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.**

# ***I Exhort You, As Your Fellow Elder***

***1 Peter 5:1-3***

## **4. Responsibilities of elders:**

- **Shepherd the flock of God**  
- **Ephesians 4:11; John 21:15-17**
  
- **Exercise oversight**  
- **Timothy 5:17; Hebrews 13:17**
  
- **Be examples to the flock**  
- **Hebrews 13:7; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 11:1;**  
**Philippians 3:17**

# ***Reward For Faithful Elders***

***1 Peter 5:4***

- **When the Chief Shepherd appears, what happens for men who have served as elders?**
- **What is the unfading crown of glory?**

# ***Application***

- **When you choose elders, look for men whom you would respect as a \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **The flock of God is suppose to \_\_\_\_\_ elders.**
- **If you have a ministry, how should you minister?**