## 1 Peter - Living For Christ In Difficult Times "The What of Church Government"

1 Peter 5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--

Your Elders Are To Lead You And Care For You With Authority And Sensitivity and You Must Expect and Accept No Less.

1. We Are Right to Have a Group of Elders In this Church

"Your Elders" and not...

Acts 14:23, 20:17, Phil 1:1, Titus 1:5, 1 Tim 1:17

Elders are plural in the NT

The church is not a..... or a...

This protects

This lightens Mat 18:20

2. We Elders Are To Lead and Care For Your Spiritual Well-being with Authority and Sensitivity

Your Elders are to R.....

Num 11:16, 1 Thess 5:12 1 Tim 1:17

Your Elders are to O... which means to S...

vs. 2 Titus 1:7 Num 11:6

Your Elders are to A...

1 Thess 5:12 Num 11: 23-24

3. You Must Expect and Accept No Less Than Authoritative and Sensitive Care From Your Elders

You must expect it because... vs. 1 vs. 2

1 Tim 5:17, 19-20

You must accept this and not be surprised Heb 13:17

Next Week: The "How" of Biblical Church Government 1 Peter 5:2ab-3