

1 Peter - Living For Christ In Difficult Times

The How of Church Government

1 Peter 5:2-32 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; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

We Are Not Only to Be Concerned About What Elders Do, But How they Do it.

I. All Believers and Not Only Elders Must Concern Ourselves Not Only With What We Do But How We Do What We Do.

- a. Peter goes beyond telling Elders what to do vss. 2-3
- b. The heart of the Christianity is the difference between...
 - 1) the Letter = keeping the Law... Mat 6:5 – Mat 23:23-28 –
 - 2) The spirit of the Law = keeping it for the... 1 Chron 28:9
 - 3) God's Word always goes beyond mere acts of obedience to the
Heb 4:11-14 Rev. 2:23 Eph 4-6

The Evangelical Reason: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

The Evangelical Motive: 1 Corinthians 10:11

The Evangelical Manner: Ephesians 4:2

II. Because Elders Affect All Of Us as Leaders and Examples, WE Must Be Concerned With HOW We Do What We Are to Do AS Elders *James 3:1*

1. For the right reason: - vs.
 - a. The wrong reason is....
 - b. The right reason is...
2. For the right motive – vs.
 - a. The wrong motive is...
 - b. The right motive is....
3. In the right manner... vs 3
 - a. The wrong manner is...
 - b. The right manner is...

Application: Why are you in the position you are in?

What motivates you to obey God and serve in any capacity?

What word describes your style of leadership?

Next Weeks Sermon Text is 1 Peter 5:4 – The Why of Church Government