

Jesus calls His church to a:

I. Heritage - "over God's Heritage" (vs. 1-4)

Church leadership that:

- A. Loves "Feed the flock of God which is among you"
- B. Learns "not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind"
- C. Leads "being ensamples to the flock"

II. Humility- "God resists the proud" (v. 5)

Church membership that:

- A. Respects "younger submit yourselves unto the elder"
 Direction
- **B.** Refrains "all of you be subject one to another" Discipline
- C. Relies "be clothed with humility...God gives grace"
 Discernment

III. Hope -"the mighty hand of God" (vs. 6-7)

Churches that believe in His:

- A. Advancement "that He may exalt you in due time"
- **B.** Attention "Casting all your care upon Him"
- C. Affection "He cares for you"

Sentence Sermon:

"Jesus wants His church to be filled with humble believers who place their hope in Him."

Additional Verses

- > I Samuel 12:16
- > Matthew 20:25-28; 26:36
- > I Timothy 4:15
- Proverbs 3:34; 6:16-17; 8:13
- **▶** James 4:6
- Luke 14:11
- Ephesians 4:11
- > Acts 14:23
- > *I Timothy 3:3*
- > Titus 1:7
- Deuteronomy 32:9
- Psalm 33:12
- > John 10:10-11
- ➢ Isaiah 41:10

Crowns Promised

> I Thessalonians 2:19; II Timothy 4:8; James 1:12; Rev. 2:10

Questions to Ponder:

- 1. What are the key words in this passage?
- 2. Who is the central character of the passage?
- 3. Why does God place such a high value on elders in a church?
- 4. How can someone feed the flock of God?
- 5. Which one of the traits given in verse 2 and 3 is your favorite?
- 6. What does it take to submit to someone in the church?
- 7. Why does God resist the proud?
- 3. What is "due time" mean in verse 6?
- 9. Why don't we cast all our cares on Jesus?
- 10. How do we know God cares for us?
- 11. Why does God use the image of sheep to describe His people?
- 12. What do you think is the toughest job for an elder in a church?