



1 Peter

Good Advice

Session 9

Quote by John Ortberg: “God has entrusted us with his most precious treasure – people. He asks us to shepherd and mold them into strong disciples, with brave faith and good character”.

Read 1 Peter 5:1-4

Peter wrote this special message to the leaders of the church, to encourage them to do their work faithfully.

Question: Sheep were used as ceremonial sacrifices. How should our lives represent a “living sacrifice”, doing the will of God?

Question: A shepherd not only protects his flock, but leads them to great pastures to be fed. How are you leading at home? With your wife, your children, and family members around you?

The contrast between dictatorship and leadership – you cannot drive sheep, you must go before them and lead them.

Question: What are good character qualities that lead people as to driving them?

Read 1 Peter 5:5-7

The younger believers should submit to the older believers, not only out of respect for their age, but also out of respect for their spiritual maturity.

Question: Not always does age match spiritual maturity. The mark of spiritual maturity is humility (see Phil. 2:1-11). What do you look for in humility in a “senior saint”?

Read 1 Peter 5:8-9

The word Satan means “adversary”, and the word devil means “the accuser”, the slanderer.

Question: Satan is a dangerous enemy (see Zech. 3:1-5, Rev. 12:9-11). What does it mean to be sober in our minds and be under control when it comes to conflict with Satan?

Satan is also called the great pretender (see John 8:44), 2 Corinthians 11:13-15). He is a subtle foe or a counterfeit.

Question: Another help in resisting the devil is found in James 4:7. How in your life are you bowing before God in order to stand against the devil and his schemes?

Read 1 Peter 5:10-14

Peter closed on a positive note and reminded his readers that God knew what he was doing and was in complete control. As Christians, no matter what suffering or trials come our way, there is always hope.

Peter ends this book giving us general reasons to be hopeful.

1. We have God's grace. Our salvation comes from God's grace. He called for us before we called on Him.
2. We know we are going to glory. He has called us unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ.
3. Our present suffering is only for a while. Our various trials are only for a season.
4. We know that our trials are building Christian character. God has several tools that He uses to equip His people for life.

Assignment: How is God establishing your faith? How is God giving you strength to live in the demands of life? How is God setting your foundation in your home? Write these answers out so you can see them.

Next week: Read 2 Peter 1:1-11 Knowing and Growing