

**Installation of Elders  
“Leadership in the Church”**

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I Peter 5:1-5**

**Big Idea: Pastoral oversight (the work of an elder) is to be done in a manner that is pleasing to God and encouraging to the people.**

**I. LEADERSHIP THAT PLEASES OUR LORD**

**A. A look at the CONTEXT**

**1. What is the “therefore” THEREFORE?**

**2. What does it mean?**

**B. A look at the LEADERS in a healthy church**

**1. The IMAGERY**

**2. The EXHORTATION**

**a. Three TERMS:**

- **ELDERS**
- **OVERSEERS**
- **PASTORS**

**b. More than ONE**

**c. WHAT to do:**

**d. HOW to do it:**

**1. Negative:  
NOT UNDER COMPULSION**

**1. Positive:  
VOLUNTARILY**

**2. Negative:  
NOT FOR SORDID GAIN**

**2. Positive:  
WITH EAGERNESS**

**3. Negative:  
NOT LORDING IT OVER**

**3. Positive:  
PROVING TO BE  
EXAMPLES**

**e. WHY they are to do it:**

**C. A look at the RESPONSE of the people in a healthy church -  
an attitude of SUBMISSION**

**D. A look at how people RELATE to each other in a healthy  
church – a spirit of HUMILITY**

**II. KEEPING OUR PERSPECTIVE**

**A. Two TRUTHS**

**1. The church BELONGS to Jesus**

**2. Elders are UNDERSHEPHERDS**

**B. One PROMISE - Hebrews 13:20-21; 25**

**There is One Shepherd Who will never let you DOWN. He gave His life for you. His DEATH for you guarantees that He will CARE for you forever. Your SOUL was made to be shepherded by Jesus.**