

### LIVING TO HELP OTHERS

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1 Peter 5:1-4

#### ❖ Helping Others As Leaders Of The Church:

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#### 1. The Church Leaders are to GUIDE the Church as ELDERS.

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1 Peter 5:1

#### 2. The Church Leaders are to SERVE the Church as SHEPHERDS.

*Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...*

1 Peter 5:2a

#### 3. The Church Leaders are to lead the Church as OVERSEERS.

*... serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be...*

1 Peter 5:4a

#### ❖ Helping Others With Humility:

*Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:5-7

#### 1. Younger Christians: Submit with *humility* to your ELDERS.

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1 Peter 5:5a

#### 2. As the Church: We are to submit with *humility* to the LORDSHIP of CHRIST.

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1 Peter 5:5b-6

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*

Romans 12:3

3. All Christians: TRIALS will come, but let your WORRY become your WORSHIP.  
*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

1 Peter 5:7

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7

❖ Helping Others By STANDING STRONG Till The End:

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 5:8-11

1. Stand Strong... against the DEVIL.

*Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

1 Peter 5:8

*Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed."*

Revelation 5:5a (NIV)

*Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.*

1 John 4:4

2. Stand Strong... for the sake of OTHERS.

*Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

1 Peter 5:9

3. Stand Strong... anticipating a GREAT VICTORY.

*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

1 Peter 5:10-11