

WORD FOR THE ELDERS

April 3, 2022

1. A SHEPHERD

Acts 20:28 - Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

2. LEADING and LABORING in the WORD and TEACHING

1Tim. 5:17 - Let the elders who take the lead well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in word and teaching.

3. SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD

Heb. 13:7 - Remember the ones leading you, who have spoken to you the word of God; and considering the issue of their manner of life, imitate their faith.

4. WATCHING OVER (PRAYING) for the SAINTS

Heb. 13:17 - Obey the ones leading you and submit to *them*, for they watch over your souls as those who will render an account, that they may do this with joy and not groaning; for this would be unprofitable to you.

5. A PATTERN

1Pet. 5:1 - Therefore the elders among you I exhort, who am a fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory to be revealed:

1Pet. 5:2 - Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;

1Pet. 5:3 - Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.