



SERMON NOTES

Sunday, September 20

PASSAGE

1 PETER 5:1-4 -- *"I exhort the elders among you as a fellow elder and witness to the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory about to be revealed: Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you; not out of greed for money but eagerly; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."*

EXPECTATION #2

A pastor is to lead the people by **EXAMPLE.**

1 Timothy 4:12 -- *"Don't let anyone despise your youth, but SET AN EXAMPLE for the believers in SPEECH, in CONDUCT, in LOVE, in FAITH, and in PURITY."*

Area #1 -- SPEECH

Ephesians 4:29 -- *"No foul language (**unwholesome talk**) should come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear."*

Proverbs 15: 1-2 -- *"A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath. The tongue of the wise makes knowledge attractive, but the mouth of fools blurts out foolishness."*

Proverbs 15:4 -- *"The tongue that heals is a tree of life, but a devious tongue breaks the spirit."*

Proverbs 15:23 -- *"A person takes joy in giving an answer; and a timely word—how good that is!"*

Proverbs 21:23 -- *"The one who guards his mouth and tongue keeps himself out of trouble."*

Advice #1 -- I must use words that are helpful, not words that are harmful.

Area #2 -- CONDUCT

1 Peter 1:14-16 -- *“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.”*

Advice #2 -- *I must walk the walk.*

Area #3 -- LOVE

Matthew 22:35-40 -- *“One of the Pharisees, an expert in the law, asked a question to test Jesus: ‘Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”*

Psalms 119:11 -- *“I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you.”*

Philippians 2:3-4 -- *“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.”*

Advice #3 -- *I must love God and love people.*

Area #4 -- FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-2 says, *“Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen. For by this our ancestors were approved”* -- and verse 6 says, *“Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”*

Advice #4 -- *I must have complete confidence in Christ.*

Area #5 -- PURITY

Psalms 119:9 -- *“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping your word.”*

Proverbs 4:23 -- *“Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life.”*

Advice #5 -- *I must guard my heart from sin.*

THE RESULT

1 Peter 5:4 -- *“And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”*

TODAY'S TAKEAWAY

Jesus is the ONLY PERFECT EXAMPLE and I must imitate Him to the best of my ability!

QUESTION

When God observes your life, does He see the kind of life that points unbelievers to Jesus?

CHALLENGE

Let's do everything we can to SET AN EXAMPLE for other believers, so that one day we will hear from our Heavenly Father, *“WELL DONE MY GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT!”*