

Our Glorious God | CDG National Conference 2009

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Shepherding Leaders Well: A Good Work of Humility and Joy

- I. Humility (1 Pet. 5:5b-6)
 - A. Gospel of Grace and You (See also Titus 2:11-14)
 1. Saving (1 Pet. 5:1b, 6b, 10b; Eph. 2:8-9)

 2. Sanctifying (1 Pet. 5:1-11; 1Thess. 4:3)
 - B. Greatness and Goodness of God
 1. Settling (1 Pet. 5:6a)

 2. Satisfying (1 Pet. 5:10)
 - C. Gifts and Goof-ups under God (1 Pet. 5:5b-6)
 1. Gifts: your greatest strength or greatest weakness
 - a. Using them with humility and purpose (Rom. 12:3, 6; 1 Cor. 13:1-3; Gal. 5:6)

 - b. Abusing them with arrogance and agenda (James 3:13-18; 4:13-17)
 2. Goof-ups: your downward spiral or decisive sharpening
 - a. A case of mistaken identity (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:3-4)

 - b. A place for the power of Christ (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

II. Prayer

III. Joy: shepherding in the mess with hope

A. Shepherding (1 Pet. 5:2, 5, 7, 9; See also Ezek 34:1-10 and others)

1. Being willing and eager: for your own joy
 - a. For God's glory (as God would have you)

 - b. For their good (not for shameful gain)

2. Being an example: authenticity of heart and life
 - a. Giving what you have (core reality)

 - b. Living what you give (daily vitality)

3. Being led and leading
 - a. The sheep you are

 - b. The sheep you lead

B. In the Mess (1 Pet. 5:7-10)

1. Anxiety

2. Affliction

3. Adversary

4. Counting it all joy

5. Prayer: connecting our need with the promises of God

C. With Hope (1 Pet 5:1, 4, 6, 10-11)

1. You will be lifted up then.

2. You will be cared for now.

3. Blessing