

Series: Resident Aliens: A Study of 1 Peter
Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-14 Holiness in God's Household
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1. Christians must make every effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3)
2. When the church needs to take action, the elders need to take the initiative.
3. In the New Testament, Church leaders are not given titles but descriptions.
 - a. “Elder” refers to an older person who has the wisdom that comes with age.
 - b. “Overseer” refers to the one who looks over the work and wellbeing of others. It could easily be translated as superintendent or guardian.
 - c. “Shepherd” refers to the one who takes care of God’s flock. Sheep require constant attention, so this term focuses on the high level of love needed.
4. Christian leadership differs from world leadership:
 - a. It is compelling, not compulsory.
 - b. It is serving to proffer, but offering to serve.
 - c. It is in the indicative rather than the imperative mood.
5. To maintain unity in the church, especially during times of stress, the younger members should submit to the elders.
6. Finally, Christians must be humble and oppose the proud, because God Himself will oppose the proud and give grace to the humble.
7. Examples of good spiritual leadership in the congregation: