

Hitting For The Cycle!

1 Peter 5:1-11

Sermon Series: Home Run Living, Pt. 5

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Home Run Living Theme Verse:

1 Peter 2:9, *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

Hitting The Cycle Requires 3 Things:

1) Humility Towards Christ The CHIEF SHEPHERD

1 Peter 5:1, *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

What Does The New Testament Say About Elders/Overseers?

They are...

- **LOCAL** - Not Distant "Among You"
Titus 1:5, *The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.*
- **MULTIPLE** - Not Singular "Elders/Overseers"

(Elders or Bishops-Plural: Acts 11:30; 15:2; 16:4; 20:17; 21:18; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:5; Hebrews 13:7, 24; James 5:14; 1 Peter 5:1)

- **HIGH CHARACTER** Individuals

"Examples To The Flock"

1 Timothy 3:1, *Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. ²Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.*

- **SHEPHERDS** Of God's People

"Be Shepherds of God's Flock"

(1 Peter 5:1-4: Elders Care For, Watch Over, Financially Trustworthy, Serve Eagerly, Don't Dictate)
(1 Timothy 1:1-7: Elders/Overseers Are Kind, Able To Teach, Spiritually Mature, Good Managers Of Their Household, Not Arrogant, Good Reputation With Outsiders)

Simple Statement: Elders/Overseers are spiritually mature men of good reputation who are actively leading, teaching, and caring for God's people in a local setting.

2) Humility Towards Those More SPIRITUALLY MATURE

1 Peter 5:5, *In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

3) Humility Towards God's PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

1 Peter 5:6, Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. ⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And 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.