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Peter had three main responsibilities or qualifications  
for leaders

Elder (v. 1)

Overseer (v. 2)

Shepherd (v. 2)

All three of these words describe one person

*Elder* describes his maturity

*Bishop* describes his responsibility

*Pastor* describes his ministry

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## 1. A Personal Relationship *With* Christ (v. 1)

As a shepherd grows, so grow the sheep; if a shepherd is stagnating, the sheep will be stagnating

## 2. A Practical Gifting to *Serve* Christ (vv. 2-3)

A shepherd must be called

A gifting accompanies the calling

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Gifted to Feed His Flock

Gifted to Lead His Flock

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C.H. Spurgeon

"If you plan to be lazy, there are plenty of avocations in which you will not be wanted; but, above all, you are not wanted in the Christian ministry. The man who finds the ministry an easy life will also find that it will bring a hard death"

### 3. A Powerful Desire to *Pleasant* Christ (v. 4)

Stuart Briscoe

"Qualifications of a pastor: the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child, and the hide of a rhinoceros"

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You can labor for different kinds of crowns, but the best way to labor is for God's approval

Labor for Jesus to say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21, 23)