

# Feed the Flock of God

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 5:1-6.

### II. Responsibilities of leadership.

#### A. Feed.

1. One of the evidences of Christian maturity is that we know how great our needs are.
2. We are to minister right where we are living.
3. The focus of feeding is growing in grace.
4. Satan targets the grace of God. We need to be strong and feed one another in grace.
5. Grace is kindness. We can know God as a friend.

a. Biblical friendship denotes a deep affection combined with a willingness to act unselfishly and at times sacrificially for another person.

b. God spoke to Moses as a friend. (Exodus 33)

#### B. Lead.

1. We help other Christians by teaching, praying and modeling. (James 2:23, 2 Chronicles 20, 1 Kings 18:36-39, Nehemiah 9:7-17, Isaiah 41:8-10)
2. Our friendships should model growing grace. (Daniel 9:3-20)
3. We ought to nurture the Paul-Titus relationship. (2 Corinthians 7)

### III. Rewards of leadership. Our reward will be people. (Daniel 12:2-3, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

### IV. Requirements of leadership.

A. Spirit of humility.

B. Submission.

C. Serenity.

D. Sobriety.

E. Standing. (Ephesians 6, James 4)

F. Suffering to encourage others.

### **Application questions:**

1. Why is grace so central to “feeding” the body of Christ?

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2. How can you better develop meaningful friendships in the body of Christ? Explain.

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3. Which requirement of leadership will you work on this week? How can you practically go about this?

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