

strengthening the body through membership

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to elder leadership

1 Peter 5:1-4

Need a Bible today?



*Please raise your hand
and our ushers will
bring a Bible to you.*

***This is our gift for you
to take home!***

*Or you may return it to
the table in the back after
the service.*



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main point

The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to following the leadership of their God-appointed elders.

Membership Commitments

I will joyfully follow the leadership of my God-appointed elders.



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to ^{...}
Feed your soul



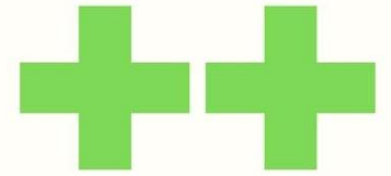
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Lead your soul



Ephesians 4:11-12



¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to
equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,



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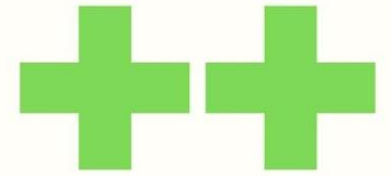
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Guard your soul



Acts 20:28-30



²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.



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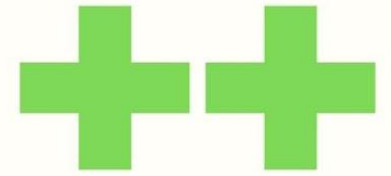
Lead your soul

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Care for your soul



Hebrews 13:17



¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, **for they are keeping watch over your souls**, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.



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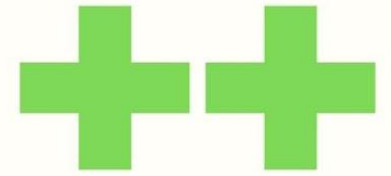
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1 *Thessalonians* 5:12-13



¹² We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, ¹³ and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.



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Hebrews 13:7, 17



⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

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May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:5-6



— Today's Sermon ————— 2-4-24 —

"Committed to Elder Leadership"

1 Peter 5:1-4 - *Pastor Scott Gnuse*

Main Point: The local church is strengthened when its members are committed to following the leadership of their God-appointed elders.

As spiritual shepherds, elders have been given by God to...

_____ your soul

_____ your soul

_____ your soul

_____ for your soul

Resources for Further Study:

- Ezekiel 34:1-24
- Acts 20:17-35
- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13
- 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 5:17-20
- Titus 1:5-9
- Hebrews 13:7, 17
- James 5:14
- 1 Peter 5:1-5
- *Rediscover Church* by Jonathan Leeman and Collin Hansen
- *Why Bother with Church* by Sam Allberry

Reflection Questions:

1. After today's lesson, how would you respond to someone who asked, "Why does a church have elders? What purpose do they serve?"
2. According to Ephesians 4:11-12, what is one of the primary roles of the pastor (elder)? How do elders and church members relate to one another?
3. How did today's lesson correct any misconceptions you may have had about the role and responsibility of church elders? How did it encourage you personally?
4. Read Hebrews 13:7 & 17. Is there any way you are currently struggling to trust your spiritual leaders? How can you pray and work towards greater trust moving forward?
5. What are some specific ways you can be praying for the elders of New Castle Bible Church?