***How to Be a Good Shepherd***

1 Peter 5:1-4 Pastor Harlan Betz

**EXPOSITION**:

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A loving concern – to shepherd the church.

 What? *“Shepherd the flock of God among you...”*

 Shepherd = pastor = feeding & leading, guarding & guiding, tending & caring.

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 Manner … avoiding coercion!

 *Not under compulsions, but voluntarily... according to the will of God.*

 An attitude of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

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 Sheep have a responsibility too!

 First, you must come to The Shepherd.

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 Second, you must listen to His voice and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

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