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

1 Peter 5:1-4 Pastor Harlan Betz

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**The Responsibility** (1 Peter 5:2-3)

A loving concern – to shepherd the church.

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

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

How? Peter shares 3 critical concepts:

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.

You must have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus.

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

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