

# Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

## Chapter 11: Peter's Instruction to Asian Elders

**Discuss:** Define the following biblical requirements/motives for an elder (**1 Peter 5:1-5**). Explain the impact of a proper motive in pastoral ministry.

- NOT UNDER COMPULSION, BUT VOLUNTARILY
- NOT FOR MONEY, BUT WITH EAGERNESS
- NOT AS AUTOCRATIC LEADERS, BUT AS EXAMPLES

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**Q:** Do you have these good motives? Are you tempted by the areas of wrong motives? Are there specific areas that need to be addressed and improved upon before you should consider entering the office of elder?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** Stauch writes that “when churches experience persecution and suffering, it falls primarily on the church leadership to provide help, comfort, strength, and guidance (pg. 240). How should elders lead people through times of persecution?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** How should the truth that Jesus is the Chief Shepherd impact our shepherding?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Q:** Faithful pastors have a reward when Jesus returns. How should that future reality influence an elder in his present ministry?

**A:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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