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Right Hearts for Hard Times

1 Peter 5

*Therefore in light of Christ’s declaration of war on sin…we need to get good at handling the church, Christ loves, and the devil, whose works Jesus came to destroy!*

# **1. Handle the structures within the community with great care (1-7).**

High values to the Lord— 1) Structure and not chaos, 2) Proper behaviour together.

To the elders… BE SHEPHERDS🡪*feed and lead*

* *Be willing, not resentful*
* *Be eager, not greedy*
* *Be an example, not a lord*

To the young men…BE SUBMISSIVE TO ELDERS

To everyone…HUMBLE YOURSELVES UNDER GOD’S MIGHTY HAND

***2. Expect a fight with the devil (8-11).***

Watch out—*the enemy is looking to exploit unguarded moments*

Resist—*devil repellent is truth with trust*

Restoration Awaits—*you are called to victory and not loss*