

Simon Says ... Live As Brethren

"Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home." John 19:27 (English Standard Version)

What a blessing to have _____ to _____ on in tough times!

5:1-5 - The Guidance Provided By Caring Elders

- A. Matthew 23:9 - Elders are not _____, but they play a vital role in the church family.
- B. The value of godly elders in the family of God:
 - 1. 5:1 - He addressed the *presbuteros* - those who are _____.
 - a. Exodus 12:21 - Elders were prominent in _____ history.
 - b. Peter refers to himself as an _____.
 - 2. 5:2a - Elders are also _____ and _____ (Paul used the same terms in Acts 20:17,28.)
 - 3. 5:2b,3 - Elders are to be _____, _____, and be _____ to the flock.
 - 4. 5:4 - The _____ Shepherd will give elders the _____ crown of _____.
 - 5. 5:5 - The _____ are to be _____ to the elders.
- C. 1 Timothy 3:4,5 - To be an elder, a man must understand _____. That's what the church is.

5:6-14 - Family Relationships Throughout The Church

- A. 1:17,22 - Christians are to call on God as _____. They are to develop a _____ love.
 - B. Viewing the church as family:
 - 1. 5:6-9 - Others in the _____ were suffering.
 - 2. 5:12 - Peter regarded _____ as a faithful _____.
 - 3. 5:13 - He referred to Mark as "my _____". In Acts 12:12 we see Peter's connection to this family.
 - 4. 5:14 - To greet one another with a _____ of _____ is a family greeting.
 - C. John 19:26,27 - _____ gave responsibility for His _____ to John. He gives _____ similar responsibilities.
- 1:3 - As Christians we've been _____. To survive, we must be surrounded by people who _____ - family.

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