New Life

Active or passive disobedience

With passive disobedience, the dog may simply stand, sit, or lie down and watch its owner call

With active disobedience the dog sees their plan as more important than their owner's agenda

"Disobedient dogs cause mayhem in the park"

Psalm 119:45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.

Psalm 1:1-3

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Peter 5 Vs 1

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

Elders:

Those that are older

•Individuals that are leading

•People that are advanced in their faith journey

Among you:

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by His blood...

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve...

To Shepherd: feed, guide, care, protect

Ezekiel 34 Vs 1-2

The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?

You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.

You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.

So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals.

My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

"Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, because my flock lacks a shepherd and so has been plundered and has become food for all the wild animals, and because my shepherds did not search for my flock but cared for themselves rather than for my flock,

Vs 9-10a

...therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against the shepherds and will hold them accountable for my flock...

#1

I have no one that is willing to walk with me

...not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

#2

I have no examples to follow

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And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older.

#3

I am not listening to sound godly advice

Vs 5b-6

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

#4
I am not yielding to God

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

#5
I am afraid

Vs 8-9

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

I am being devoured by the enemy

And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

Strong, Firm, Steadfast

The Greek words mean

- to give you strength to bear all this
- >to set you fast
- >to fix you firmly
- >to place you on a firm foundation
- >to render you immovable

#7

I was not aware of the effects of my obedience

- #1 -I have no one that is willing to walk with me
- #2 -I have no examples to follow
- #3-I am not listening to sound godly advice
- #4- I am not yielding to God
- #5 -I am afraid
- #6-I am being devoured by the enemy
- #7 -I was not aware of the effects of my obedience