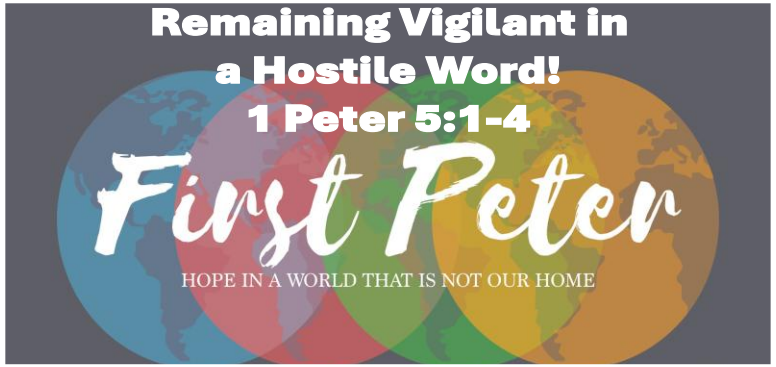

"We are to wait for the coming of Christ with patience. We are to watch with anticipation. We are to work with Zeal. We are to prepare with urgency. Scripture says Christ is coming when you're least expecting him. Coming as a thief. He said, 'Be prepared. Get Ready. Prepare to meet thy God. **Are you prepared?**'" **– Billy Graham**

Pastors have a high calling, but they under the _____ management of the Good Shepherd!

"The behavior of sheep and human beings is similar in many ways …. Sheep do not 'just take care of themselves' as some might suppose. They require, more than any other class of livestock, endless attention and meticulous care." **– Phillip Keller**

Left to themselves, sheep will indiscriminately eat both healthful and _____ plants, or _____ and ruin their own pasture!

Isaiah 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**"**

Peter offers hope in a world that is not our home through **exhortations to the saints.**

1. Be _____ – V. 1-4

While this is primarily to the pastors, the application is for _____ _____!

Peter encourages Pastors:

1) By reminding them that Christ has _____ suffered for them and can sustain them.

2) By reminding them that _____ always follows suffering.

Peter addresses the responsibility of Pastors in …

1) Their _____!

The shepherd is to take the _____ and be the leader.

"Where would the flock be if the sheep led the shepherd – or if every sheep was given his own way!" **– Warren Wiersbe**

2) Their _____!

A shepherd should serve with a _____ heart because he loves Christ and the flock**;** and not simply because he has a _____ to do.

3) Their _____!

Pastors are overseers, not _____-_____!

The best way to get people to follow is to set the _____ yourself!

A popular preacher reaches your _____. A faithful pastor reaches your _____.

"The task of the preacher is to comfort the afflicted and _____ the comfortable.**" – Vance Havner**

4) Their _____!

There won't be much glory on _____, but there will be glory in _____!