**What Was Left Unfinished**

**A study on Biblical Church Leadership**

**Discuss the meaning of this poem:**

**Walk a little plainer, Daddy,**

**Said a little boy so frail.**

**I'm following in your footsteps,**

**And I don't want to fail.**

**Sometimes your steps are very plain,**

**Sometimes they are hard to see,**

**So walk a little plainer, Daddy,**

**For you are leading me.**

**Today we will discuss the duties of Elders in the Church.**

**1Pe 5:1-3  To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:  (2)  Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;  (3)  not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.**

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**1Ti 5:17  The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.**

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**Act 20:28-31  Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.  (29)  I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.  (30)  Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.  (31)  So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.**

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**Jas 5:14  Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.**

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**1Ti 5:17-21  The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.  (18)  For Scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages."  (19)  Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.  (20)  But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning.  (21)  I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism.**

**Some final thoughts:**

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