

Obedient To Our



## ***“Leaders in God’s Church: Spiritual Function”***

Heavenly Calling

Acts 20:17-38  
PART 53

### INTRODUCTION

- shouldering responsibility

Eph. 5:25; Tit. 2:3-5

“...there is a real difference between [Christ] being in us, and His abiding in us. The one is a matter of His grace; the other a matter of our responsibility.”  
– A.W. Pink

- *elders and bishops*

### *1. What is our spiritual function?*

- be on guard...for yourselves

1 Tim. 4:16

- be on guard...for God’s flock

- to “shepherd” (20:28)

1 Pet. 2:25; 5:4

= “to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church.”  
– J.H. Thayer

- Peter: how to shepherd...

1 Pet. 5:1-3

- why shepherding is so important (20:29-30)

Jude 12

“We have somehow got hold of the idea that error is only that which is outrageously wrong; and we do not seem to understand that the most dangerous person of all is the one who does not emphasize the right things.”  
– D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

### *2. How do we fulfill our spiritual function?*

- personally involved (20:31)

- dependent upon the Lord (20:32)

Phil. 1:3-4; Col. 1:3-4; 1 Thess. 1:2-3

- look to give, not get (20:33-35)

### CONCLUSION

*Emmanuel Bible Notes*

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