

Shepherds After God's Heart

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 92

Ephesians 4:11

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And He Himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists,¹ and the pastors and teachers...
(*Ephesians 4:11 DJP*)

Introduction:

I. _____ the Sheep

A. Who Are the "Sheep"?

1. God's _____ - Psalm 95:7a; 100:3
2. Those Jesus _____ to _____ - John 10:11
3. They believe and hear _____'s _____ - John 10:26–27
4. In sum: Acts ____:28

B. What Do Sheep _____?

1. Literally: Psalm 23:2
2. Spiritually:
Job ____:12
Jeremiah ____:15; ____:16

Acts ____:32

C. How Are Sheep Fed?

1. Literally: Psalm 23:2
2. Spiritually
 - a. They dig in, themselves (Ps. 1:2; John 8:31-32; etc.)
 - b. Also, Christ charges _____ with this responsibility
John ____:15–17
1 Peter 5:2; also Acts 20:28
 - c. Christ tells us *what matters most* to Him in a pastor/shepherd
Jeremiah ____:15
1 Timothy ____:13
1 Timothy 5:17
2 Timothy 4:1–4

II. _____ the Sheep

A. Why Is This Needed?

1. Literally
2. Spiritually
Psalm ____:176a

¹ Which is to say *tellers of the good news*.

Isaiah ____:6a

1 Corinthians ____:6

B. _____ Is This Done?

1. Literally
 - a. Ps 23:2b-4

 - b. John ____:3-4, 27

2. Spiritually
 - a. God's command to _____:
1 Timothy ____:3-4
1 Timothy ____:11
2 Timothy ____:16-17
2 Timothy ____:2
Titus ____:12-13
Titus 2:15

 - b. God's command to _____
1 Thessalonians ____:12-13

Hebrews ____:17

Also 1 Peter ____:5

III. _____ the Sheep

A. Literal

1. Psalm 23:4

2. 1 Samuel 17:34-36

3. John 10:12-15

B. Spiritual

Acts 20:28-30

Titus ____:9-14 — ...holding fast to the faithful word according to the teaching, in order that he might be able both to exhort by healthy doctrine, and to reprove those who contradict. ¹⁰For there are many *who* in fact *are* insubordinate, big-talkers and deceivers — especially those from the circumcision; ¹¹whose mouths it is necessary to shut, *being* the sorts who overturn whole houses by teaching the things that it is necessary *that they not teach*, for the sake of shameful gain. ¹²One of them, their very own “prophet,” said: “Cretans are ever liars, evil beasts, idle bellies.” ¹³This testimony is true; for which reason reprove them sharply, in order that they might be healthy in the faith, ¹⁴not giving attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. [DJP]

Titus ____:9-11 - ⁹But avoid moronic controversies, and genealogies, and strifes, and fights about the Law; for they are non-beneficial and futile. ¹⁰A factious man, you should reject, after the first and second confrontation, ¹¹because you know that such a one as this has perverted himself, and is sinning, being self-condemned. [DJP]