

## **Shepherding the Flock of God**

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**1 Peter 5:1-4**, *“Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; <sup>3</sup> nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”*

**John 10:12-14**, *“He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.”*

*“The shepherd lived with the lambs for their entire lives – protecting them, caressing them, feeding, and watering them, and leading them to the freshest pool and the most luxuriant pastures – day and night, year in and year out...Each sheep came to rely on the shepherd and to know his voice and his alone. They followed him and no one else.”*

**- Lynn Anderson**

*“It is no accident that God has chosen to call us sheep. 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.”*

**- W. Phillip Keller**

**1 Timothy 3:1**, *“It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do.”*

**Mark 10:42-45**, *“Jesus said to them, ‘You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’”*