



**Introduction:**

- In this series on kingdom leadership we are seeking to better understand God's design and intent for leaders over His people.
- When you think about the obligation and functioning of the local oversight, the elders, shepherds...what do you think about?
- We could turn straight to the list of qualities that were given to Timothy and Titus but there is also instruction, warning, and encouragement to these men and their families outside of these lists.

**I. God's Leaders Protect God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:28)**

- A. What is the warning in v.30? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Shepherds are to always be attentive and watchful for things endangering the flock
  - 1) Shepherds look to themselves (v.28)
  - 2) The look to the flock – John 10:7-15
- C. Shepherds love the fold, flock, people, the church to the point of willing sacrifice for her.

**II. God's Leaders Protect God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:32)**

- A. Paul here commends them to the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- B. God proven qualities shepherds possess
  - 1) 1 Timothy 3:2 – a shepherd must be \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Titus 1:9 – able to give \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Shepherds protect God's truth by paying careful attention to what is being taught

**III. God's Leaders Protect Their \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:28)**

- A. Shepherds are to “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” the church of God.
- B. What does this say? It says it's about \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_!
- C. God proven qualities shepherds possess
  - 1) 1 Timothy 3:2 – a shepherd must be “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
  - 2) Titus 1:6,7 – He must be “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”
- D. We likewise as children of God must be “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” (Philippians 2:12-16)
- E. There are no chief shepherds among us
  - 1) 1 Peter 5:4 - \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd!

**Conclusion:**

- Overcoming self is probably one of the biggest (if not the biggest) hurdles that we have to constantly get over in order to live in the foot prints of our Savior.
- Whether or not you are seeking to become a shepherd of God's people or not we have all been called to a higher calling.
- Are we above reproach? Are there things in our lives that we know are against God's will? Could those that know us, those that work with us, bring any charge against us in our claim to be kingdom citizens of THE kingdom?