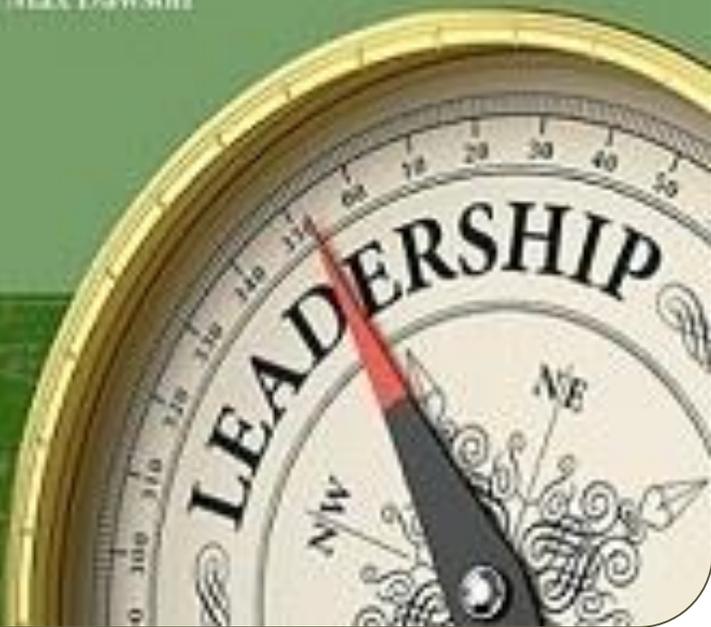


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Lesson 11-Shepherds or Strangers



Acts 20:28

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

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The Hired Hand

John 10:11-13

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

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John 10:1-10

1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



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John 10:11-16

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.



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John 10:25-30

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 I and My Father are one."

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John 10:1-30

What do they do and what do they not do?

- v. 1 __Thief/robber – false christ
- v. 2 __Door – way of prophets and John – Jesus, shepherd
- v. 3 __Door keeper – John the Baptist – shepherd calls sheep
- v. 4 __Sheep know voice of true shepherd
- v. 5 __Stranger causes them to flee – know not his voice
- v. 7 __ (2nd door) – one for shepherd – one for sheep – Jesus, door of shepherd
- v. 8 __False messengers – God’s people did not hear them
- v. 9 __Jesus the door – provides safety and pasture
- v. 10 __Thief: steal, kill, destroy – Jesus: life, abundant
- v. 11 __Good shepherd: dies for sheep – is sacrificial
- v. 12-13 __Hireling: does not care, leaves sheep, flees when danger arises
- v. 14 __Good shepherd: know/known by the sheep
- v. 15 __Good shepherd lays down life for His sheep
- v. 16 __Other sheep: Gentiles ...one flock, shepherd
- v. 27 __Sheep: Hear voice and follow

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From John 10:1-30, list the positive qualities of the Good Shepherd:

- Speaks to lead, protects the flock
- Gathers together, sacrifices for the flock
- knows, allows himself to be known by the sheep
- provides pasture, cares for them

From John 10:1-30, list the actions of the sheep toward their Shepherd:

- Knows
- honors
- follows
- trusts



Lesson 12-An Identity Crisis?

Titus 1:5

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you —

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Lesson 12-An Identity Crisis?

Things Out of Order:

1. A local church without elders when there are men who are qualified and willing to serve.
2. The preacher doing the work of the shepherds.
3. The shepherds doing the work of the deacons leaving the deacons uncertain of their role.



Lesson 12-An Identity Crisis?

The Preacher:

2 Tim 2:2

2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. NKJV

Eph 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, NKJV

Question: From these passages, what is the primary role (or work) of the local preacher?



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The Deacons:

Acts 6:3-4

3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

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Question: From this passage (and others), what is the primary role (or work) of the deacons?



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The Shepherds:

Acts 20:28

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Luke 15:4

4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? NKJV



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The Shepherds:

1 Peter 5:1-4

5 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. NKJV

Question: *From these passages, what is the primary role (or work) of the shepherds?*

