

What is a Shepherd?

Jesus Definition is in (John 10:11,14)

He builds a Relationship of Trust with His Sheep so they can follow Him: (John 10:3-5)

One Who Cares for the sheep: (Lk 2:8)

One who Causes the Flocks to Rest: (Jer 33:12)

Paul's uses a Shepherd as a Model Job description for a Pastor: (Acts 20:28)

Peter uses a Shepherd as a Model Job description for a Pastor: (1 Peter 5:2-3)

Jesus refers to himself as the Chief Shepherd. (1 Pet 5:4)

He also Refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd.(Jn 10:10)

Jesus is In Charge of the Father's Flock: (John 10:16)

I am an Under-Shepherd to Jesus Christ. (1 Pet 5:4)

Why Did God give the Church a Pastor/UnderShepherd:

(Eph 4:11-16)(2 Tim 2:24-26)

The Flock is supposed to Grow: (Matt 18:12-14)

These are referred to as a Hireling: (Jn 10:11-13)

Peter: (Acts 1-8) James: (Acts 15:13)

(1 Kings 19:21) Elisha Ministered to Elijah

(2 Kings 4&5) Gehazi Ministered to Elisha.

How To Be A Good Sheep:

Get in the Flock:

He calls us His Sheep: Ps 74:1; 78:52; 79:13; 95:6-7; 100:3

God wants you as a part of His flock: 2Pet 3:9

Matt 18:12 You're worth going after!

Jn 10:10-11 He gave his life for the sheep

A Good Sheep Follows the Shepherd: 1 Pet 5:4

Jesus is the Chief shepherd

(Jn 10:3-5, 27) Obey His Voice

He has our best interest at heart! (Ps 23)

Rod and Staff – Crook End vs. Straight End - No Strays!

I Can't Pastor Everyone, They won't let me. That's OK

(Jn 10:25-26) "*Not my Sheep*"

(1 Jn 1:6) *Walk in Darkness*

God gave you a shepherd to follow in His Absence.

Sheep were never meant to follow other sheep!

Illus: Church splits are not of God!

(1 Pet 5:2-3) "*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*"

Protection - Oversight,

Provision – Feed!

Obey the Shepherd: (Heb 13:17)

Pray for your Shepherd: (Heb 13:7) (Heb 13:18)

A Good Sheep Feeds where the Shepherd Leads: (Ps 23)

Don't be feeding in the World's Pasture (1 Cor 6:18-20)

A Good Sheep Provides a Blessing: (1 Cor 9:7)

A Good Sheep Reproduces other sheep: (Matt 28:19)

(Mk 16:15)

(1 Cor 14:23)