

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY INSTITUTE

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“HOW TO BE A GOOD SHEPHERD “ PART B

I TIM 5 VS 1-4

LAST WEEK LEARNED TWO OF THE PERSONAL QUALITIES THAT MAKE FOR A SUCCESSFUL PASTOR. A PASTOR MUST HAVE:

I. A VITAL PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST (5 VS 1)

II. A LOVING CONCERN FOR GOD’S SHEEP (5 VS 2-3) ONE OF THE PASTORS MAINS DUTY AS HE CARES FOR THE FLOCK IS:

1. FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD – (VS 2) THE WORD “FEED” MEANS TO CARE FOR. THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THAT THE PASTOR CARES FOR THE FLOCK :

A. PROTECTS

B. LEADS

C. SEEKS

D. DISCIPLINES

AS WE LOOK AT VERSE NUMBER 2 WE WILL FIND THAT NOT ONLY DOES THE SUCCESSFUL PASTOR FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD BUT HE ALSO:

2. _____ - (VS 2).

THE WORD BISHOP MEANS “**OVERSEER**” ONE WHO LOOKS OVER FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEADING. TWO THINGS WE WILL NOTICE ABOUT THE SHEPHERD:

A. _____ – BECAUSE HE IS ONE OF THE SHEEP, THE PASTOR IS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE FLOCK. BUT BECAUSE HE IS CALLED TO BE A LEADER HE HIS OVER THE FLOCK. SOME PEOPLE TRY TO EMPHASIZE THE AMONG RELATIONSHIP AND REFUSE TO FOLLOW THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHEPHERD. OTHERS WANT TO PUT THE PASTOR ON A PEDESTAL AND MAKE HIM A SUPER SAINT – WHO NEVER MIXES WITH THE PEOPLE. THE PASTOR NEEDS TO BE AMONG HIS PEOPLE SO HE CAN KNOW THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR PROBLEMS.

B. _____ - THE PASTOR NEEDS TO BE OVER THE SHEEP SO THAT HE CAN LEAD THE SHEEP AND HELP THEM SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS

WHAT SPIRITUAL LEADERS MUST AVOID

_____ –(VS 2B) “**NOT BECAUSE YOU MUST BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE WILLING**” – HIS MINISTRY MUST NOT BE A JOB THAT HE HAS TO PERFORM. HE SHOULD DO GOD’S WILL FROM HIS HEART. (EPH 6 VS 6) WHEN A MAN HAS A PASTORS HEART, HE LOVES THE SHEEP AND SERVES BECAUSE HE WANTS TO, NOT BECAUSE HE HAS TO. A PASTOR SHOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY NIGHT TO PREPARE SERMONS FOR THE SHEEP .HE SHOULD PREPARE ALL WEEK LONG AND NOT BE LAZY AND PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS.

_____ – (VS 2C) “**NOT FOR FILTHY LUCRE, BUT READY TO SERVE**” - IT IS PERFECTLY PROPER FOR THE CHURCH TO PAY THE PASTOR (I COR 9 VS 1; I TIM 5 VS 17-18), AND THEY OUGHT TO BE AS FAIR AND GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE. BUT MAKING MONEY MUST NOT BE THE MAIN MOTIVE FOR HIS MINISTRY. PAUL STRESSED THIS IN: (I TIM 3 VS 3 , TITUS 1 VS 7) HE MUST NOT BE A LOVER OF MONEY NOR DEVOTE HIMSELF TO PURSUING MONEY.

NOTE: BECAUSE OF FAMILY OR CHURCH SITUATIONS, SOME PASTORS HAVE TO ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT. PAUL WAS A TENT MAKER, SO THER IS NO DISGRACE IN MOONLIGHTING. BUT AS SONN A SPOSSIBLE THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH SHOULD RELIEVE THEIR PASTOR OF OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT, SO HE CAN DEVOTE HIMSELF FULLY TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD. PASTORS NEED TO BEWARE OF GETTING INVOLVED IN MONEY MAKIING SCHEMES THAT DETOUR THEM FROM MINISTRY. PAUL TELLS US THIS IN (II TIM 2 VS 4). THE PHRASE “READY OF MIND “ MEANS AN EAGER MIND- IT MEANS A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE BECAUSE OF READINESS AND EAGERNESS WITHIN THE HEART.

TWO KINDS OF SHEPHERDS

HIRELING - _____

SHEPHERD – _____

READ ACTS CHAPTER 20 VS 17-38 ... FOR A DISCRPTION OF THE HEART AND MINISTRY OF A TRUE SHEPHERD

3. _____ (VS 3) THE CONTRAST IS BETWEEN **Dictatorship** AND

Leadership YOU CAN NOT DRIVE SHEEP; YOU MUST GO BEFORE THEM AND LEAD THEM. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT THE CHURCH NEEDS LEADERS WHO SERVE AND SERVANTS WHO LEAD. THE TROUBLE TODAY IS THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY CELEBRITIES AND NOT ENOUGH SERVANTS. IT IS BY EXAMPLE THAT THE SHEPHERD SOLVES THE TENSION BETWEEN BEING “AMONG“ THE SHEEP AND “OVER“ THE SHEEP.

PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW A LEADER WHO PRACTICES WHAT HE PREACHES AND GIVES THEM A GOOD EXAMPLE TO IMITATE.

III. _____ (VS 4) SINCE THIS IS THE EPISTLE OF HOPE, PETER BROUGHT IN AGAIN THE PROMISE OF THE LORDS RETURN. HIS COMING IS:

1. _____

2. _____

JESUS CHRIST AS SHEPHERD

HE IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD BECAUSE – _____

HE IS THE GREAT SHEPHERD BECAUSE – _____

HE IS THE CHIEF SHEPHERD BECAUSE - _____

SHEPHERD HE, HE ALONE CAN ASSESS A MAN'S MINISTRY AND GIVE HIM THE PROPER REWARD. SOME WHO APPEAR TO BE FIRST MAY END UP LAST WHEN THE LORD EXAMINES EACH MAN'S MINISTRY

DIFFERENT KIND OF REWARDS CHRISTIANS WORK FOR

THE ONLY REWARD WE SHOULD STRIVE FOR IS

CLOSE: EVERYTHING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH RISES AND FALLS ON LEADERSHIP. NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL A FELLOWSHIP MIGHT BE, THE LEADERS MUST BE CHRISTIANS, EACH WITH A VITAL PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, A LOVING CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE AND A REAL DESIRE TO

PLEASE ONLY CHRIST. WE LEAD BY SERVING, AND SERVE BY SUFFERING. THIS IS THE WAY THAT JESUS DID IT AND THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT GLORIFIES HIM!