Shepherds, Sheep, and Soul-Seeking "Out Of Order..."

- 1. Evangelists doing the work of shepherds.
- 2. Shepherds doing the work of deacons.
- 3. Deacons uncertain about what their work is.

EVERYTHING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH IS HURT BY THIS

"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..."

Titus 1:5

Shepherds, Sheep, and Soul-Seeking "Setting Things In Order..."

- 1. Evangelists taking the lead in evangelism.
- 2. Deacons assigned to be "over this business."
- 3. Shepherds taking care of the sheep.

A CALL TO RETURN TO GOD'S ORDER

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Shepherds, Sheep, and Soul-Seeking Leadership Models: 1. Hired hand: runs away 2. Cowboy: drives the herd 3. Sheriff: has a badge, gun 4. Board member: decides 5. Pop manager: follows fads 6. Narcissist: exploitive None of these are close to the flock. They are strangers.

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Ezekíel 34:1-10 The Faílure of the Shepherds ín Israel

Reveals What God's Shepherds Today Must Do

They failed to... 1. Feed the flock. 2. Strengthen the weak. 3. Heal the sick. 4. Bind the broken. 5. Bring back driven away. 6. Seek the lost sheep. 7. Lead with gentleness. 8. Lead with kindness. 9. Lead the flock. 10. Gather the flock. **11. Protect the flock.** 12. Shepherd the flock.



John 10:1-28 Jesus, the Perfect Shepherd

Jesus Presents a Model of Shepherding to Us.

Jesus, the Shepherd... 1. Speaks to His sheep. 2. Knows His sheep by name. 3. Leads His sheep. 4. Goes before His sheep. 5. Feeds His sheep. 6. Blesses His sheep. 7. Sacrifices for His sheep. 8. Protects His sheep. 9. Cares about His sheep. 10. Knows His sheep. 11. Known by His sheep. 12. Serves His sheep.

#1: Learning About The Need For Leaders

Ezekiel 34:5-6 LACK OF LEADERSHIP MEANS DOOM

#2: Learning What Leadership Is#1: Learning About The Need For Leaders

Not INTELLECT Not ACHIEVEMENT Not MANAGERIAL SKILLS Not POSITION

John 1:43 LEADERSHIP IS INFLUENCE

#3: Learning From The Lord About Leadership #2: Learning What Leadership Is #1: Learning About The Need For Leaders

2 Timothy 3:16-17 THE BIBLE IS A LEADERSHIP BOOK

#4: Learning That Leadership Requires Growth
#3: Learning From The Lord About Leadership
#2: Learning What Leadership Is
#1: Learning About The Need For Leaders

2 Timothy 2:2 LEADERS ARE MADE—NOT BORN



- It's what Jesus did.
- It's what the apostles did.
- It's what we must do.



HOW JESUS Mentored The Twelve

- He saw their potential.
- He focused on the best potential leaders.
- He was patient with those He trained.
- He treated them as individuals.
- He invested time in individuals.
- He asked for an enormous commitment.
- He prepared them to succeed.

WE CAN USE THESE PRINCIPLES TO EQUIP OTHERS!