

Christian Leadership

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Acts 20:17-30

I. “*Shepherd My Sheep*”

A. The Need for Godly Leaders

1. God is always the one who chooses the leaders for His people...
 - a. Jesus began making His leadership choices by choosing His apostles

Luke 6:12

Acts 4:13

- b. Yet these apostles would not live forever, so the need for other leaders arose...

Acts 14:23

Acts 15:1-2

Titus 1:5

- c. God still is the One who chooses the leaders in His church...

Ephesians 4:11-12

John 17:20

Mark 16:15

1 Timothy 3:1ff

Titus 1:6ff

B. The Various Titles Given by God

1. In today’s Scripture Reading we are told of three titles given to these men in leadership positions.
 - a. (Acts 20:17), “*And from Miletus he [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church...*”
 - b. While still talking to the elders, Paul says,(Acts 20:28a), “*...Holy Spirit has made you overseers...*”
 - c. (Acts 20:28b), “*...to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*”

2. The 3-Fold Work of a Pastor/Shepherd

a. First, “Shepherds” feed sheep

Psalm 23:1-2

John 21:15-17

1 Peter 2:2

2 Peter 3:18

1 Timothy 3:2

Titus 1:9

b. Second, “Shepherds” also protect the sheep from “*savage wolves*” (i.e., false leaders/teachers).

Matthew 7:15

Acts 20:29-30

John 10:12-13

d. Thirdly, “Shepherds” protect sheep from doing harm to themselves

Psalm 23:5

1 Thessalonians 5:14

John 10:3

CONCLUSIONS:

Hebrews 5:9

Mark 16:16