

## Sermon Series Topics:

### The Eldership of the Church

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# The Shepherd Leads the Sheep

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**Acts 20:28–32**

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

## What is Leadership and Leading?

- Leadership is the act of guiding someone or something.
- Leadership is not born but made.
- A leader is a dealer in hope. (*Napoleon Bonaparte*)

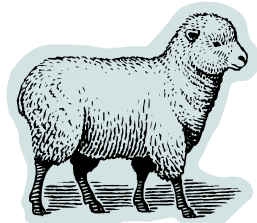
## Four Requirements of Sheep to Lay Down:

- Sheep will not lay down unless they are free from all fear.
- Sheep will not lay down unless they are free from problems with other sheep.
- Sheep will not lay down if they are tormented by insects.
- Sheep will not lay down if they are in need of finding food.

*(from A Shepherd looks at Psalm 23  
By Phillip Keller)*

## Importance of the Shepherds Leadership

- A shepherd goes before and leads them (Psalm 77:20; 78:52; 80:1)
- A shepherd seeks out good pasture for them (1 Chronicles 4:39-41; Psalms 23:2)
- The shepherd will take the initiative to care for the sheep (Isaiah 40:11, Ezekiel 34:13-16).
- The shepherd secures pasture for the sheep (1 Chronicles 4:39-41).



## Importance of Leadership:

- A leader knows the vision and leads others there. (2 Timothy 4:1ff)
- A leader knows the purpose and leads others in the purpose. (Luke 19:10)
- A leader does not drive the follower but lead them (1 Peter 5:3).
  - Joshua was a follower before he was a leader. (Exodus 24:13)
- A leader sympathizes with the followers.
  - Joshua was a leader willing to serve. (Joshua 5:13-15)
  - The Chief Shepherd can sympathize. (1 Peter 5:4)
- A leader will be true and straight.

## The Importance of Watching the Sheep:

- Spiritual shepherds must lead the sheep.
  - Leading involves acting toward the vision and the purpose with the followers (1 Peter 5:1-4)
- Spiritual shepherds must lead the sheep as a shepherd.
  - People are searching and in need of leadership (Matthew 9:36).
- Spiritual shepherds must lead the sheep as willing shepherds. (1 Peter 5:3)
- Spiritual shepherds must lead the sheep as willing shepherd and bring up other to fill their shoes.
  - “Able to teach” (1 Timothy 3:2)
  - Leader of his family. (1 Timothy 3:4-5; Titus 1:6)