

ABOUNDING HOPE

I THESSALONIANS 5:12-15

THE HOPE THAT GOVERNS RELATIONSHIPS

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHEPHERDS AND SHEEP

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15,

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*. ¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

I. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEPHERD

- 1) The Consecration Quality
- 2) The Charity Quality
- 3) The Character Quality
- 4) The Calling of God Quality
- 5) The Companion Quality
- 6) The Compatibility Quality
- 7) The Competency Quality
- 8) The Chemistry Quality
- 9) The Contribution Quality
- 10) The Consensus Quality

THREE KEY QUALITIES OF A SHEPHERD

1 Thessalonians 5:12,

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

#1 - PASTORS ARE TO BE HARD WORKERS

#2 - PASTORS ARE TO BE GOOD OVERSEERS

#3 - PASTORS ARE TO BE GOOD TEACHERS AND ADMONISHERS

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHEPHERDS

1. THEY ARE TREAT ONE ANOTHER AS “BRETHREN” - FAMILY
2. THEY ARE TO ESTEEM THE OTHERS BETTER THAN THEMSELVES
3. THEY ARE TO BE AT PEACE AMONG THEMSELVES
4. THEY ARE TO SERVE JOYFULLY TOGETHER
5. THEY ARE TO BE PATIENT WITH ONE ANOTHER
6. THEY ARE NEVER TO RENDER EVIL TO ANOTHER SHEPHERD
7. THEY ARE ONLY TO DO GOOD TO ANOTHER SHEPHERD
8. THEY ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

II. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

1 Thessalonians 5:12,

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

#1 - TO KNOW YOUR SHEPHERDS

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

1 Thessalonians 5:13a,

And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake.

#2 TO ESTEEM YOUR SHEPHERDS

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

1 Thessalonians 5:13b,

And be at peace among yourselves.

#3 TO BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR SHEPHERDS AND CHURCH FAMILY

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

Hebrews 13:7,

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

#4 TO REMEMBER YOUR SHEPHERDS

#5 TO FOLLOW YOUR SHEPHERDS

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

Hebrews 13:17,

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

#6 TO OBEY YOUR SHEPHERDS

#7 TO SUBMIT TO YOUR SHEPHERDS

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP

- #1 TO KNOW YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #2 TO ESTEEM YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #3 TO BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #4 TO REMEMBER YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #5 TO FOLLOW YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #6 TO OBEY YOUR SHEPHERDS
- #7 TO SUBMIT TO YOUR SHEPHERDS

III. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP FAMILY

1 Thessalonians 5:14a-b,

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly,

#1 TO WARN THE UNRULY

III. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP FAMILY

1 Thessalonians 5:14c,
comfort the feebleminded,

#2 TO COMFORT THE FAINT-HEARTED

III. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP FAMILY

1 Thessalonians 5:14d,
support the weak,

#3 TO SUPPORT THE WEAK

III. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A GOOD SHEEP FAMILY

1 Thessalonians 5:14e,
be patient toward all *men*.

#4 TO BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL

IV. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING GOOD TO ALL

1 Thessalonians 5:15,

See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*;

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INVITATION - "TO TURN TO GOD"

Dear God:

I have been serving idols and living for the material and the temporal. I now turn from such a life to the true and living God. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for me and rose again from the grave. Please save me by your grace.

I pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.