

UNDERSTANDING THE SHEPHERD / SHEEP RELATIONSHIP (Titus 1:5)

- Do you grasp the importance of the divine institutions and a doctrinally sound local church?
 - #1. MARRIAGE
 - #2. FAMILY
 - #3. HUMAN GOVERNMENT
 - #4. NATIONALISM
 - #5. THE CHURCH

- 1. **The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is a _____ appointed relationship of a critical nature under the Headship / Lordship of Jesus Christ amidst a spiritual battle. (Acts 20:28-32)**

- 2. **The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is an _____ relationship for the _____ of the saints to do the work of _____ for the _____ of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-16)**

- 3. **The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is a _____ relationship involving _____ but _____ men with _____ saints, involving many challenges. (2 Cor. 3:5-6; Titus 1:6-9; 2 Timothy 3 & 4)**

- 4. **The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is a mutually _____ and _____ relationship for the Lord and His Body.**

******* What are the pastor's responsibilities to the congregation before the Lord? *******

- a) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor is to feed the flock of God the very Word of God. (John 21:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:6, 11, 13, 16; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24-25, 4:1-4, 17, Titus 1:3, 9; 2:1, 15)

- b) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must carefully guard and watch over the flock of God for those dangerous predators that would harm them spiritually. (Acts 20:28-32)

- c) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor needs to engage in a ministry of intercessory prayer for people's needs. (Acts 6:3-4; James 5:16; Col. 4:12-13)

- d) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must personally model the biblical truths he publicly teaches. (1 Timothy 4:12)

- e) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must be involved in personal contact in addressing people's needs. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)

- f) Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must exercise oversight and leadership as it relates to the needs, ministries, and direction of the church. (Hebrews 13:7, 17)

******* What are the church's responsibilities to their pastor(s) before the Lord? *******

- a) God desires you to _____ to the biblical teaching and _____ the faith of your local church leaders. (Hebrews 13:7-9)
- b) God desires you to _____ the biblical teaching and _____ to the practical decisions of the local church leaders. (Hebrews 13:17)
- c) God desires you to _____ for your local church leaders and be on speaking terms with them. (Heb. 13:18, 24)
- d) God desires you to _____ and _____ those leaders who labor in preaching and teaching. (1 Timothy 5:17-18)
- e) God desires you to _____ or _____ your local church leaders. (1Thess. 5:12)
- f) God desires you to _____ your local church leaders for their work's sake. (1Thess. 5:12-13)

5. The Shepherd/Sheep relationship is to be a _____ relationship when they are faithful which should be expressed by believers and will be rewarded at the Bema by Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:12-14; Phil. 1:27; 1 Peter 5:4)

6. The Shepherd/ Sheep relationship is to be a _____ relationship and not to be an _____ relationship. (1 Timothy 5:17-20)

7. The Shepherd/Sheep relationship is a _____ relationship to the _____ of God and the furtherance of God's will in the building of His Church till Jesus comes again. (1 Cor. 15:10; Ephesians 3:20-21)

- **Let's review and apply:**