

PREFACE: RENEWED PLAN & EFFORTS

- A. **RECENT DISAPPOINTMENTS & NEW EFFORTS** (see *The Shepherd Leader* by Witmer, P&R, 2010)
- B. **PERSONAL CARE** (see Lk.6:14; 8:51; 15:4f; 19:2f)
- C. **CONTEXT OF CORPORATE OCCASIONS** (“sheep”(pl.), flock; Witmer, *macro*”; Mt.5:1f; Acts 2:1f,3; 42)
- D. **TEXT OF INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS** (“sheep”(s.); Witmer, *micro*”; see Lk.8:40f,45f; 19:1f; 1C.12:27)
- E. **EQUIPPING FOR SERVICE IN MUTUAL CARE** (“flock” (fellowship) vs. “scattered”; see Jn.15:12f; 1Jn.3:11,etc.; see Eph.4:12-16; see Mt.18:12f,15f; Rom.15:14)

POINT: TO EACH THEIR OWN (shepherd ↔ sheep; “someone to watch over/me”)

- A. **KNOW YOUR SHEEP/SHEPHERD** (Jn.10:3,4; 12,14; 16; 26,27; see Ps.78:52; Lk.15:6; Acts 20:20,31(28) /1Th.5:12, margin; 12/22 sermon)
- B. **GIVEN BY GOD** (Jn.10:29; 17:11,24; see 21:16,17; Acts 20:28; Tt.1:5; 1Pt.5:2)
- C. **KNOW BY NAME** (Jn.10:3 /Ex.33:17,30; Is.40:26(Jn.17:12); 43:1 /3Jn.1:15 w/Paul’s letters, eg, Rom.16:1ff)
 - 1. *yet care also delegated to others* (Jn.21:16,17; see Dt.1:15; 1Cor.4:17; 1Tm.1:3; 2Tm.4:12; Tt.1:5; see Acts 6:3f; 1Tm.3:11; 5:17; *overlapping* divisions of labor)
 - 2. *and mutual care* (Eph.4:16; 5:22ff; Phil.4:15; Heb.5:12f /Gen.1:27; Mt.6:7f; Lk.10:1f /Jn.15:12,17,etc.)
 - 3. *shepherds: initial “diag-know-sis”, reg. contact, monthly accountability, annual review* (Prv.27:23)
 - 4. *diagnoses: a) healthy incl.serving; b) weak incl.not serving; c) stray; d) lost; e) circumstantly inactive*
 - 5. *overlapping levels of care* (1. above; see Mt.5:1f & Lk.10:1f & Lk.6:13 & Lk.8:51(9:28) & Jn.13:23,etc.)
- D. **LEAD THEM OUT** (Jn.10:3,9; see Num.27:16f; Ps.23:1f; 78:70f)
 - 1. *heed, feed, lead, weed* (etc., Jn.10:1f,9f,11f; see 12/22 sermon)
 - 2. *willingly, eagerly; deliberately, intentionally; credibly, sincerely* (1Pt.5:2,3; see Rom.1:15; Mt.26:41)
 - 3. *love* (Jn.10:11f(15:13); 11:5; 13:1; see 21:16,17)
 - 4. *constant prayer, regular contact, proactive care, monthly accountability* (Prv.27:23; Acts6:4; 1Pt5:4)
- E. **SHEPHERDS & THEIR SHEEP AND SHEEP & THEIR SHEPHERDS** (separate insert)

CONCLUSION: SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER YOU! (Ps.23; Jn.10; see 12/22 sermon; *Gershwin*)

Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)