

**UNDERSTANDING THE SHEPHERD / SHEEP RELATIONSHIP Pt. 3**  
**(How Does God Want You to Respond to Your Pastor?)**

- 1. The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is a HOLY SPIRIT 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 IMPORTANT relationship for the EQUIPPING of the saints to do the work of MINISTRY for the EDIFYING of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-16)**
- 3. The Shepherd / Sheep relationship is a DIVINELY ENABLED relationship involving SPIRITUALLY MATURE but FALLIBLE men with FALLIBLE 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 RESPONSIBLE and DIVINELY DESIGNED relationship for the Lord and His Body.**

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

- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Shepherding God's flock involves \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must personally model the biblical truths he publicly teaches. (1 Timothy 4:12)
- Shepherding God's flock involves \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a pastor must be involved in personal contact in addressing people's needs. (1 Thessalonians 2:7-12)
- 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? \*\*\*\*\***

- God desires you to \_\_\_\_\_ to the biblical teaching and \_\_\_\_\_ the faith of your local church leaders. (Hebrews 13:7-9)
- 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)

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**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:**