

Shepherds Come From...

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Introduction:

- Have you been spending time this week in prayer and study of the role and qualities given by God to those who would serve as shepherds of this flock?
- In efforts to aid us all we have been presenting lessons on leadership and Church leadership focusing on.
 - ☑ Examples of many of the leaders throughout the Old & New Testament
 - ☑ The imperfections of God's chosen leaders through time
 - ☑ Paul's admonition to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 to protect the flock.
- This morning we want to look to Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus to look at some of these "qualities" that God would have these men to possess to serve as shepherd.

I. Shepherds Come From _____ Men (1 Timothy 3:2)

- A. What does it mean to be sober minded? _____
- B. Matthew 5:21-26 what was Jesus teaching them? _____
- C. Shepherds overseeing God's flock come from men who are waging the warfare of the mind and the heart

II. Shepherds Come From Men Who Are _____ (1 Timothy 3:2)

- A. An Overseer is to be the " _____ "
- B. This is one quality that is often widely debated as to its meaning i.e.
 - 1) Not multiple wives?
 - 2) Only been married once?
 - 3) Currently married?
- C. Matthew 5:27-32
- D. Shepherds overseeing God's flock come from men who are faithful and singularly devoted to their wife.

III. Shepherds Come From Men Who Are _____ (1 Timothy 3:4-5)

- A. "He must _____ his own _____ well, with all _____ keeping his _____ submissive, for if someone does not know how to _____ his own household, how will he _____ for God's _____?"
- B. We know as parents that raising our children is a responsibility and task met with many challenges and also brings much joy and happiness.
- C. That they lead with dignity in how they go about leading their family and children
- D. Paul's letter to Titus tells us that in keeping his children in submission, which therein would be free from the charge of running about in debauchery or insubordination Paul says that they are to be believers (faithful)

Conclusion:

- We encourage us all to pray about these things and especially to pray that God would give us insight and wisdom to the INTENT of His word not just the words themselves.