

**THE HEART OF A SHEPHERD – PSALM 23
(SEEN THROUGH THE EYES OF A SHEEP)**

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60+ Class

MAIN IDEA: We see in David's life that a caring God prepares our heart to care for others.

David the Shepherd (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Shepherding in the New Testament

Lesson #1 Sheep need full-time supervision because they keep repeating the same dumb mistakes.

23:1 *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

A good shepherd is _____ to his/her sheep.

Lesson #2 Sheep are afraid to drink from running water.

23:2 *He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.*

A good shepherd _____ for his/her sheep.

Lesson #3 Sheep can't right themselves when on their backs.

23:3a *He restores my soul.*

A good shepherd _____ his/her sheep.

Lesson #4 Sheep have to be led, not driven.

23:3b *He guides me in paths of righteousness, for His name's sake*

A good shepherd _____ his/her sheep.

Lesson #5 Sheep are defenseless.

23:4 *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

23:5 *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.*

A good shepherd _____ his/her sheep.

Lesson #6 Sheep need their shepherd's daily touch.

23:6 *Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

A good shepherd _____ his/her sheep.

APPLICATION

Where has God placed you as a shepherd?

When have you needed a shepherd?