

- Isaiah 5:20–21
- Jeremiah 23:1–4 “What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people
 - You have deserted them and driven them to destruction
 - I will gather together the remnant of my flock
 - I will bring them back to their own sheepfold
 - I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them
- Ezekiel 34:1–10
 - Prophecy against the shepherds, the leaders of Israel
 - What sorrow awaits you shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks
 - You abandoned my flock and left them to be attacked
 - I now consider these shepherds my enemies, and I will hold them responsible for what has happened to my flock.
- Matthew 7:15–16 (NLT) — 15 “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. 16 You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act...

The Good Shepherd vs. the Hireling

- John 10:10–15
- Sheep are entrusted to Shepherds 1 Peter 5:2–4 (NLT) — 2 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you.

Shepherds give an account

- Hebrews 13:17 Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.
- Psalm 23:4 (NLT) — 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- A most difficult task - correction, confronting – balanced with making allowances

Two things to help your Pastors

- Prayer – that they be led by the Lord
- An Allowance - Colossians 3:13

Measuring Calling and Experience

- The Call - Acts 20:28 ... Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.
- 1 Timothy 4:12 – 12 Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers ...
- 2 Timothy 4:2–3 – 2 Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. 3 For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.
- Colossians 1:25–29
 - Given the responsibility of serving His church
 - Teaching with the wisdom God has given us
 - We want to present them to God perfect in their relationship to Christ
 - That’s why I work and struggle
 - Depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.