



The shepherds were absolutely stunned. Incredibly an angel had just appeared out of nowhere and informed them that the Messiah had been born in Bethlehem. Then, suddenly, the whole sky was aglow with angels singing of the glory of God. But just as quickly as they came the angels disappeared and the shepherds were left standing alone in the dark pasture, absolutely awestruck at what they had seen and heard. Today, let's consider what the shepherds did after the angels had gone.

I. They _____ the evidence.

- A. The shepherds _____ the angels' report.
- B. If our _____ is going to stand up in the next decade it will have to be an _____ faith.

II. They _____ the good news.

- A. The shepherds were _____ evangelistic.
- B. The shepherds evangelized even though they had _____ information.
- C. Evangelism is just the _____ by-product of a genuine encounter with Jesus Christ.
- D. Christianity is more than an annual Christmas _____, it is a daily _____.

III. They _____ to their jobs.

- A. The shepherds had a great experience, but now they had to go back to the _____ existence in the field.
- B. There comes a time when we all have to go back to our _____ routine.

- C. There are spiritual mountain peaks in the life of the Christian that are meant to be _____, but not necessarily _____.
- D. The real test of the Christian is how well you do in the _____.
- E. How do you function when the angels are _____?
- F. The test of maturity is the ability to appreciate each moment to the _____ and to be _____, even after the angels have gone.