



## The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-14

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shepherd

The proof of a shepherd being good is his willingness to lay his life down for the sheep. And Jesus fulfilled this requirement when, as the Lamb of God, He took our punishment for sin—laying His life down to redeem His flock.

*“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ~ Mark 10:45*

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Hireling

The hireling has one interest—what can he gain from his association with the shepherd. If a threat arises, and life is jeopardized, the hireling will abandon the flock to spare his own life.

*These are hidden reefs at your love feasts, as they feast with you without fear, shepherds feeding themselves; waterless clouds, swept along by winds; fruitless trees in late autumn, twice dead, uprooted. ~ Jude 1:12*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wolves

Timid and helpless, sheep are defenseless without a shepherd. And the roaming pack of wolves continually stalk their prey, searching out those they can devour while scattering the rest in fear.

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ~ 1 Peter 5:8*

### 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Flock

There is mutual awareness on the part of the Shepherd and the flock. Jesus knows those who are His, and those who are His true sheep know Him.

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. ~ 2 Peter 3:18*

### John 10:16

**“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”**



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Additional Scripture References  
(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

### 1 Samuel 17:34-35

*But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.*

### 1 John 3:16

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*

### 2 Peter 2:1

*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.*

### Mark 12:38-40

*And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”*

### Matthew 7:15

*“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”*

### Acts 20:29

*I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.*

### Psalms 100:3

*Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

### John 10:27

*“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”*