

Called Out of Darkness: Following Godly Shepherds



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1 Corinthians 4:7

⁷ For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you **boast** as if you did not receive it?

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Matthew 23:27

²⁷ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
For you are like whitewashed tombs, which
outwardly appear beautiful, but **within** are full of
dead people's bones and all uncleanness.

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- They care more about their own kingdom, rather than God's kingdom

Ezekiel 34:2-3

² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel **who only take care of yourselves!** Should not shepherds take care of the flock? ³ You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.

Matthew 18:16

¹⁶ But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

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