

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

Ephesians 4:11-16 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

4:12 Brothers, I entreat you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You did me no wrong.

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EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

EQUALITY & EQUITY flow from a pastor's heart.

Galatians 3:26-29 "All of you are God's children because of your faith in Christ Jesus. And when you were baptized, it was as though you had put on Christ in the same way you put on new clothes. Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or a woman. So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised." CEV

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4:13 You know it was because of a bodily ailment that I preached the gospel to you at first,

"But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead." Acts 14:19

CONSISTENCY OF MESSAGE flows from a pastor's heart. 4:14 and though my condition was a trial to you, you did not scorn or despise me, but received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

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APPRECIATION flows from a pastor's heart.

4:15 What then has become of your blessedness? For I testify to you that, if possible, you would have gouged out your eyes and given them to me.

EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

HONESTY flows from a pastor's heart.

4:16 Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful," Proverbs 27:6

HOLDING THE STANDARD OF TRUTH flows from a pastor's heart.

4:17 They make much of you, but for no good purpose. They want to shut you out, that you may make much of them.

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PROTECTION OF THE FLOCK flows from a pastor's heart.

4:18 It is always good to be made much of for a good purpose, and not only when I am present with you,

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CHALLENGING ALL TO STAY ON MISSION flows from a pastor's heart.

4:19 my little children, for whom I am again in the anguish of childbirth until Christ is formed in you!

4:20 I wish I could be present with you now and change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

