

Five Fold Pastor - Shepherd

The Fivefold ministry gifts; the Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Pastor & Evangelist.

Tonight we continue looking into the gift of the Pastor (Ephesians 4:11).

These gifts are given to:

Ephesians 4: 12-13 (NIV)

... _____ God's _____ for _____ of _____, so that the _____ of Christ may be _____ until we reach _____ in the _____ and in the _____ of the Son of God and _____ attaining to the _____ measure of the _____ of Christ.

We looked at what a shepherd is not. So let's dig a little into what he/she is.

As I was preparing for tonight I was heading in quite a different direction looking at the _____ as a _____ one who is prepared to _____ for the flock, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David are physical examples of Spiritual realities for us to understand this. However the Spirit kept leading me back to the Shepherd as a Father. One who watches over and loves those who are his.

Ezekiel chapter 34 is a powerful chapter on both the shepherd and the sheep. The Lord spells out clearly what he saw the _____ doing, or more correctly _____ and held them to account (**Ezekial 34:1-10**);

Chris spoke to this last week. The Lord then declares that He _____ will be _____ (**Ezekial 34:12-16**). Here we see outlined the nature of the true Shepherd. And through Ezekial 34:17-23 He speaks to the _____ of the _____. (**Ezekial 34: 24-31**) The _____ are _____ people.

As you look at these qualities I ask you to keep in mind what the fivefold is given for **Ephesians 4: 12-13** and the reason why; He is returning for His Bride.

The Pastors role, along with the others, is to play their part in their assignment in the outworking of Gods will; our transformation into the likeness and image of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:18

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

What does the true Pastor-Shepherd look like?

Ezekial 34:12-16:

- I will _____ my sheep, I will search for the lost and strays
The shepherd is forever concerned for those not connected or out of fellowship
- I will _____ them from where they were scattered
The shepherd is willing to go and get those who have wandered off

- I will _____ them _____
The shepherd is prepared to travel with the sheep
- I will bring them into their _____
The shepherd knows where (who!) he/she is leading the sheep to (Jesus)
- I will _____ in the land
Able to feed the flock and to teach them to feed
- I will _____ them, _____ up the injured; I will _____ the weak
Knows the sheep intimately, where the needs are and what the treatment is
- I will make them _____
Bring them to the place of rest. Remember the sheep is a vulnerable animal at the best of times let alone when it is lying down but He will cause the sheep to lie down. They will be secure.
- I will destroy the greasy, and the strong sheep!
Knows who and what is harming the sheep, the greasy = gross fat lusty sheep, the strong = hard, violent, impudent sheep!
- I will _____ the flock with _____.
Knows the King of Justice
Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne
Isaiah 32:17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.
(Note Ezekial 34:4b the shepherds are told they ruled the sheep harshly (without justice))

The sheep are confronted with their behaviour too, Ezekial 34:17-23

- The sheep that muddied the waters for others.
- Trampled the grass, the food for others.
- The strong drove away the weak.

Gods Answer; ***Ezekial 34:23***

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, he will tend them and he will be their shepherd.

(Note Psalm 23 The LORD is my shepherd). John 10:1-21 I am the good shepherd vs 11 & 14.

Ultimately the role of the shepherd within the Five fold is to lead the sheep into _____
that he truly is _____ Shepherd.