



# The Good Shepherd



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*“The shepherds are senseless and do not inquire of the Lord; so they do not prosper and all their flock is scattered.”*

*Jeremiah 10:21*



*“Characteristics of  
the good shepherds”*



1

*They know  
their sheep*



*“I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my  
sheep know me—”*

***John 10:14***



- *They know where they live.*
- *They know their struggles.*
- *They know their virtues.*
- *They know what talents they have.*
- *They know their dreams and aspirations.*
- *They know their flaws.*

2

*They seek good  
pastures for  
their sheep*





- *They are interested in preparing good sermons.*
- *They make time to empower their leaders.*
- *They empower the youth of the church.*
- *Their preaching is varied and they try to cover all the needs that they perceive the church has.*



*“I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.”*

*Ezekiel 34:14*

3

*They often  
count their  
sheep*



*“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In this place, desolate... there will again be pastures for shepherds to rest their flocks... flocks will again pass under the hand of the one who counts them,’ says the Lord.”*

*Jeremiah 33:12-13*



4

*They tend to  
their sheep*



*“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.”*

*Luke 2:8*

*“This was my situation: The heat consumed me in the daytime and the cold at night, and sleep fled from my eyes.”*

*Genesis 31:40*



5

*They defend  
their sheep*



*“This is what the Lord says:  
‘As a shepherd rescues  
from the lion’s mouth...’”*

*Amos 3:12*

*“But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth.’”*

*1 Samuel 17:34-35*



6

*They protect  
the weak  
lambs*



*“But Jacob said to him, ‘My lord knows that the children are tender and that I must care for the ewes and cows that are nursing their young. If they are driven hard just one day, all the animals will die...’”*

*Genesis 33:13*

7

*They search  
for the lost  
sheep*





*“I will search for the  
lost and bring back the  
strays. I will bind up  
the injured and  
strengthen the weak...”*

*Ezekiel 34:16*



*“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders...”*

*Luke 15:4-5*

# CONCLUSION



# ***Good shepherds:***

- *Know their sheep.*
- *Seek good pasture for their sheep.*
- *Often count their sheep.*
- *Tend to their sheep.*
- *Defend their sheep.*
- *Protect the weak lambs.*
- *Search for the lost sheep.*