

The Care and Feeding of the Bride, pt 3

The Under Shepherds

IDENTITY: elder, overseer, shepherd (pastor)

MINISTRY

Shepherd & Exercise **oversight** (1 Peter 5:1-5)

Equipping for Service (Eph. 4:11-12)

Edifying for Maturity (Eph 4:13-16)

- Target = maturity = *fullness of Christ*
- Stability: not tossed, tricked or deceived
- Aligned: with the HEAD
- Action: = builds itself up in love

_____ (HEART) -- What guides them?

Love (John 21:15-17)

Self-sacrifice (John 10:11-15)

Compassion (Mark 6:34)

Not under compulsion (1 Peter 5:2)

Voluntarily (1 Peter 5:2)

According to God (1 Peter 5:2)

Not for sordid gain (1 Peter 5:2)

Eagerly (1 Peter 5:2)

Serving [Not lording it over] (1 Peter 5:3)

Exemplary (1 Peter 5:3)

Humility (1 Peter 5:5-6)

Problem: Hyper-vigilism (1 Peter 5:7)

MALFUNCTIONS

_____ shepherds

Ezek. 34:1-16

Selfish

Defensive

Lazy

Unaccountable

Do not move people to GOD – it becomes about them

_____ sheep

Psalms 78:8

2 Timothy 4:2-3

Hebrews 13:15-18

Shepherds

Flock

What is _____ action step for this week?