

THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ME: “SON OF MAN, PROPHECY AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL; PROPHECY 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? YOU EAT THE CURDS, CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH THE WOOL AND SLAUGHTER THE

EZEKIEL 34:1-11

CHOICE ANIMALS, BUT YOU DO NOT TAKE CARE OF THE FLOCK. YOU HAVE NOT STRENGTHENED THE WEAK OR HEALED THE SICK OR BOUND UP THE INJURED. YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT BACK THE STRAYS OR SEARCHED FOR THE LOST. YOU HAVE RULED THEM HARSHLY AND BRUTALLY. SO THEY WERE SCATTERED BECAUSE THERE WAS NO SHEPHERD, AND WHEN THEY WERE SCATTERED

EZEKIEL 34:1-11

THEY BECAME FOOD FOR ALL THE WILD ANIMALS.
MY SHEEP WANDERED OVER ALL THE MOUNTAINS
AND ON EVERY HIGH HILL. THEY WERE SCATTERED
OVER THE WHOLE EARTH, AND NO ONE SEARCHED
OR LOOKED FOR THEM. “THEREFORE, YOU
SHEPHERDS, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD: AS
SURELY AS I LIVE, DECLARES THE SOVEREIGN LORD,
BECAUSE MY FLOCK LACKS A SHEPHERD AND SO

EZEKIEL 34:1-11

HAS BEEN PLUNDERED AND HAS BECOME FOOD FOR ALL THE WILD ANIMALS, AND BECAUSE MY SHEPHERDS DID NOT SEARCH FOR MY FLOCK BUT CARED FOR THEMSELVES RATHER THAN FOR MY FLOCK, THEREFORE, YOU SHEPHERDS, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD: THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS: I AM AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS AND WILL HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY FLOCK. I

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WILL REMOVE THEM FROM TENDING THE FLOCK SO THAT THE SHEPHERDS CAN NO LONGER FEED THEMSELVES. I WILL RESCUE MY FLOCK FROM THEIR MOUTHS, AND IT WILL NO LONGER BE FOOD FOR THEM. “FOR THIS IS WHAT THE SOVEREIGN LORD SAYS: I MYSELF WILL SEARCH FOR MY SHEEP AND LOOK AFTER THEM.

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Question Everything

**How Deconstructing
Your Faith Can Help
You Keep It**

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**WHY IS THE CHURCH
OFTEN COMPLICIT
IN ABUSE?**





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MISORDERED PRIORITY #1
**CAREER OVER
CALLING**



MISORDERED PRIORITY #2

CHARISMA OVER CHARACTER



HERE IS A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING: WHOEVER
ASPIRES TO BE AN OVERSEER DESIRES A NOBLE
TASK. NOW THE OVERSEER IS TO BE ABOVE
REPROACH, FAITHFUL TO HIS WIFE, TEMPERATE,
SELF-CONTROLLED, RESPECTABLE, HOSPITABLE, ABLE
TO TEACH, NOT GIVEN TO DRUNKENNESS, NOT
VIOLENT BUT GENTLE, NOT QUARRELSOME, NOT A

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7



LOVER OF MONEY. HE MUST MANAGE HIS OWN FAMILY WELL AND SEE THAT HIS CHILDREN OBEY HIM, AND HE MUST DO SO IN A MANNER WORTHY OF FULL RESPECT. (IF ANYONE DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO MANAGE HIS OWN FAMILY, HOW CAN HE TAKE CARE OF GOD'S CHURCH?) HE MUST NOT BE A RECENT CONVERT, OR HE MAY BECOME CONCEITED

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7



AND FALL UNDER THE SAME JUDGMENT AS THE DEVIL. HE MUST ALSO HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION WITH OUTSIDERS, SO THAT HE WILL NOT FALL INTO DISGRACE AND INTO THE DEVIL'S TRAP.

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7





MISORDERED PRIORITY #3

**RESULTS OVER
FAITHFULNESS**





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- GOD REMOVES BAD SHEPHERDS.
- **GOD REPLACES BAD SHEPHERDS.**





I AM THE **GOOD SHEPHERD**. THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.

JOHN 10:11



