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**What SORT of men are fit to
SHEPHERD God's sheep?**

Ezekiel 34:1–3

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The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been **feeding yourselves**! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? ³ You eat the fat, you **clothe yourselves** with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

Ezekiel 34:4

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⁴ The weak you have not **strengthened**, the sick you have not **healed**, the injured you have not **bound up**, the strayed you have not **brought back**, the lost you have not **sought**, and **with force and harshness you have ruled them**.

Ezekiel 34:11–12

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¹¹ “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, **I myself** will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

Ezekiel 34:13

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¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 34:14–15

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¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

1 Peter 5:1–2

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So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

1 Peter 5:3

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³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

1 Peter 5:4

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⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

**We need men who will shepherd not
for their **AGENDA** or for our
APPLAUSE, but for the **APPRECIATION**
of the Chief Shepherd.**