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Week 2 – GOD OUR SHEPHERD-Psalm 23

**PREVIEW:**

**TEXTUAL INTERPRETATION:** What is God teaching us about Himself from the Biblical Shepherding Theme?

**SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION:** How does the Bible's Teaching about Shepherding Impact my Life?

**RESPONSE & ACTION STEPS:** What should I ask God to do in my life in response to the Scriptures!

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**“The Heart & Habits of a Shepherd”**

1. A Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ for His Sheep    ref Psalm 23
2. A Shepherd is \_\_\_\_\_ Towards His Sheep    ref. Psalm 23:3
3. A Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ His Sheep    ref Psalm 23:
4. A Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ His Sheep    ref. Psalm 23:4a
  - By a personal presence & leading the Way    ref Psalm 23:4b
  - By Defending & Providing Peace of Mind
5. A Shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ Ahead for His Sheep    ref. Psalm 23:5
6. A Shepherd is \_\_\_\_\_ with His Sheep    ref. Psalm 23:5b
7. A Shepherd's Love Is \_\_\_\_\_ & Unchanging!    Psalm 23:6
8. A Good Shepherd has a \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship with Each Sheep    ref. John 10
9. A Good Shepherd is \_\_\_\_\_ & Responded to by His Sheep    ref. John 10:4
10. A Good Shepherd Will \_\_\_\_\_ it all for His Sheep!    ref. John 10:11

**Answers:** provides, restorative, guides, protects, plans, affectionate, unconditional, unique, trusted, sacrifice

**SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION:** How does the Bible's Teaching about Shepherding Impact my Life?

### **THE HEART & HABITS OF SHEPHERDING YOUR FAMILY**

1. Value the Godly Quality of hard work & desire to Provide for your Flock.
2. Be Forgiving of your Family, always giving them a welcomed way back.
3. Actively & in real time be present to provide Guidance from God's Word.
4. Protect your Flock: Spiritually, Physically, Emotionally & Mentally.
5. Plan, Prepare & be Strategic for the Well-Being of your Family.
6. Be attentive & affectionate to those God has entrusted into your care.
7. Be sure your Family knows they can always count on you & your love!
8. Pray to discover the Uniqueness of your child & ponder their strengths & weakness so as to equip them for life.
9. Cultivate a Voice of Wisdom & Warmth that your children find Comforting; Words are powerful. They can Bless & Build up your Children or They can Curse & Chain your Children Down!
10. Do not Grow Weary of making the Sacrifices it takes to Shepherd the Flock that God has entrusted into your Care and seek the Help of the Spirit to have the Mind of Christ:

**ACTION:** What should I ask God to do in my life in response to the Scriptures!

#### **❖ IN YOUR HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS:**

- **Reflect on what it looks like to pursue the Heart & Habits of a Shepherd**
- **And Seek the Strength & Skill from the Lord to Shepherd Your Flock.**

#### **❖ IN YOUR VERTICAL RELATIONSHIP:**