

Why You Need a Good Shepherd

Ezekiel 34; Psalm 23; John 10:1-18

- I. Why You Need a Spiritual Shepherd
 - a. To guide, lead, and teach you
 - b. To protect, help, and heal you
- II. Why You Need a Good Spiritual Shepherd
 - a. Bad shepherds lead you away from God
 - b. Bad shepherds take advantage of you
- III. Spiritual Sustenance
 - a. Food (Word), water (Spirit), air (prayer)
 - b. Health & hygiene/Conviction, confession, cleansing
- IV. Safety & Security
 - a. Rod & staff: Protect against outward & inward danger
 - b. ❤️ of Psalm 23: *For you are with me.*
- V. Spiritual Supervision
 - a. Literally “over sight” (with *pro-vision*: “seeing ahead”)
 - b. Jesus leads both personally and corporately
- VI. Sanctification
 - a. Following Jesus = becoming more like Jesus
 - b. You need to be holy to enter the Holy of Holies
- VII. Salvation
 - a. How good is your Shepherd? *He became a Lamb for you.*
 - b. How good is your Shepherd? *He gave His life for you.*

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**“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11**