

Q - What are some positive feelings/"pros" in the area of shepherding?

Q - What are some challenges, insecurities, concerns in the area of shepherding?

1 Peter 5:2

2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

A. Shepherding and Evangelism

Must have both!

We can be bent toward a certain direction, but our ministry will not be successful/fruitful if we don't cultivate both of these traits.

B. Feed and Tend

Two responsibilities of a shepherd. To feed (John 21) and to tend to (1 Pet 5; also protect, guide, nurture, care for, etc.)

C. "Because you are willing"

D. "those entrusted to you"

"That noun means 'a lot,' and then 'that which is assigned by lot,' a portion or a share of something. . . . God has assigned the various portions of His precious possession to their personal care." (Hiebert) The idea is that God has entrusted the responsibility of the spiritual care of certain individuals to particular shepherds.

John 10:11-15

RQ - Will be the hired hand, or the shepherd that stands up against the wolf?

Psalm 23

Q - What do these passages mean (from God to us) and how can we imitate them (from us to others)?