

Caring for the Flock

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I. Introduction.

A. There is great truth in the command to shepherd the flock of God. (1 Peter 5:1)

B. The flock is not any one person's - it is God's.

II. When the fires of trial or temptation come, our work will be shown for what kind it is. (1 Corinthians 3:5)

A. We have to be careful the kind of ministry we have because we are working with God's people.

B. You have to make certain that what you build into people's lives will last because we are God's building.

C. We are to take serious time to look over the flock - do it diligently. (2 Chronicles 31:21)

D. Leaders are supposed to be zealous "animaters."

E. Jesus Christ was zealous.

F. If we want a congregation that is on fire for God, we must set the example and be on fire for God.

III. We do not need another Lord - we have Jesus - we only need another example. (2 Corinthians 1:24)

A. Set the example in honoring Christ.

B. Every time the Christians saw their leaders in action they saw them talking about Jesus Christ. Sharing Christ then began to filter into the Christians' lives. (Acts 8:1, 11:40, 2:23, 2:14, 4:10, 5:30-31, 5:42)

C. Jesus set an example in that He was always with his disciples. (1 Thessalonians 5:12)

Application questions

1. In what way is the leader of the church responsible for building it right? What does this mean?

2. In what primary way did the early church leadership set an example for the Christians?

3. What might your example look like in your ministry if it were more zealous?
