

“The Responsibilities of Sheep Caring for Other Sheep” 4/25/10

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”

Practical Considerations in the church as we wait for the Lord’s Return

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” (Eph 4:11-12)

Seven Responsibilities to know!

POINT 1- As we wait for the Lord’s return we have certain RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The responsibility of the sheep is to recognize how to become a SHEEP
(Eph 1:4-6; John 1:12; 1 John 3:1; 3:10; John 8:44; Matt 25:34-goats)

EVANGELISM EXPLOSION QUESTIONS.

“Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son” (Ephesians 1:4-6 NLT)

“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.” (John 1:12 NIV)

- B. The responsibility of the sheep is to lovingly warn the UNRULY
(interrupting unity; not using time, talents, treasure, disrespect leaders)

- C. The responsibility of the sheep is to encourage the FAINTHEARTED
(timid in their walk; fearful of evangelism; quitter; 2 Timothy 1:7)

Fearful to step out in ministry; to get out of their comfort zone; CARD MINISTRY

- D. The responsibility of the sheep is to hold on tightly to the WEAK
(those struggling with doubt, discipline, doctrine, discouragement, despair)

- E. The responsibility of the sheep is to be patient with EVERYONE
(Matthew 8:26 –stormy sea; 16:8- food; 13:23; 18:21-23; Gal 6:1) **my life**

MATT 18:21-23 70 X 7 to forgive! 100-60-30 fold

- F. The responsibility of the sheep is to never return evil for EVIL
(Romans 12:17-21; Matt 5:44; 1 Peter 3:9- bless to inherit a blessing)

- G. The responsibility of the sheep is to always strive for what is GOOD
(Romans 12:9; Galatians 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:22; Philippians 4:8)

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.” (Romans 12:9 NLT)

Going Deeper God wants us truly love each other and care for one another!