

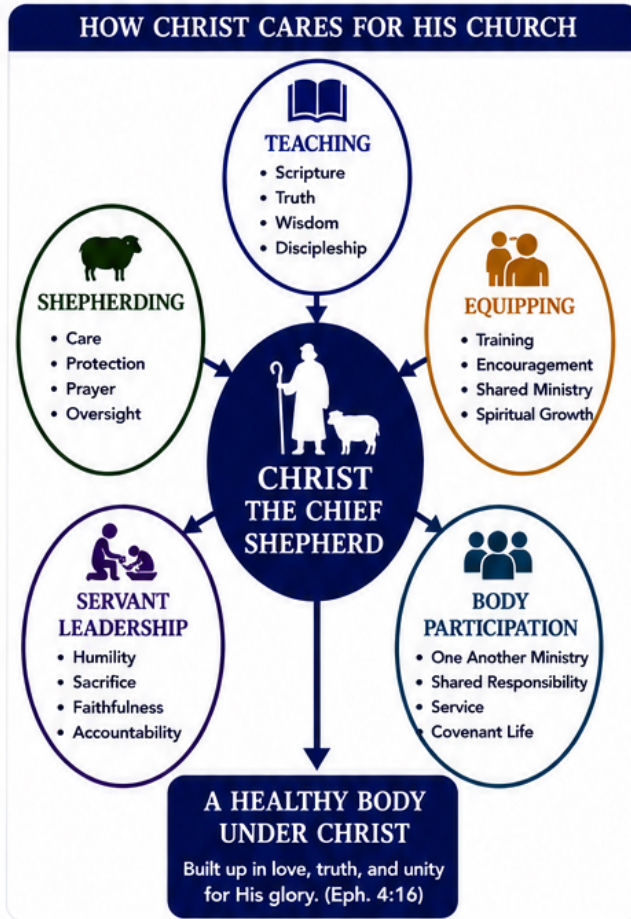


# Shepherds and Servants

### Christ Cares for His Church Through Faithful Leadership and Humble Service

Christ is the Chief Shepherd of His church. He appoints leaders to teach, protect, equip, and care for His people while calling every believer into humble service and covenant participation within the body of Christ.

WORLDLY LEADERSHIP VS BIBLICAL SHEPHERDING	
WORLDLY MODEL	BIBLICAL SHEPHERDING
Celebrity Culture	VS.  Christ-Centered Service
Domination	VS.  Humble Leadership
Control	VS.  Care and Equipping
Self-Exaltation	VS.  Sacrifice
Performance	VS.  Faithfulness
Passive Audience	VS.  Equipped Saints



### KEY SCRIPTURES

**1 Peter 5:1-4**  
 "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

**Mark 10:42-45**  
 "He that shall be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Ephesians 4:11-16**  
 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

**Acts 20:28**  
 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

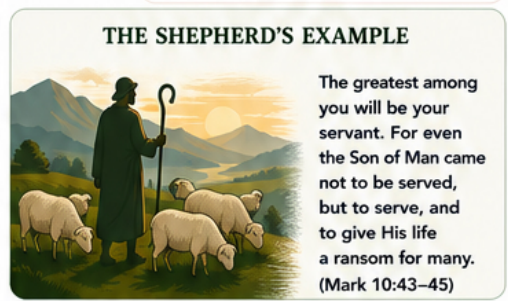
**Titus 1:5-9**  
**Qualifications for elders:** Blameless, faithful to family, sober-minded, hospitable, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house..."



### QUICK COMPARISON

ASPECT	BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP
Authority	Christ
Purpose	Care and equipping
Character	Humility and faithfulness
Goal	Mature disciples
Ministry	Shared among the body
Result	Healthy covenant life

- ### ★ KEY TRUTHS
- ✓ Christ is the Chief Shepherd.
  - ✓ Leaders exist to equip the saints.
  - ✓ Biblical authority is servant-hearted.
  - ✓ The church is not built around celebrity personalities.
  - ✓ Every believer participates in ministry.
  - ✓ Healthy leadership strengthens covenant life.



### THE BOTTOM LINE

Christ shepherds His people through faithful servant leadership that teaches, protects, equips, and strengthens the church so the whole body may grow together under His reign.

### TEACHER NOTE

Use this handout to help learners understand biblical leadership within the church. Emphasize that Christ-centered leadership is humble, faithful, servant-hearted, and focused on equipping the whole body for ministry.