



EVERY PROFESSING CHRISTIAN OUGHT ALWAYS
TO BE THE HARDEST WORKING, MOST
TRUSTWORTHY EMPLOYEE TO HIS EMPLOYER.

~ESPECIALLY THE PASTOR!

8 CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD SHEPHERD



1. He is Bold. (v.15) *To proclaim ALL of Scripture

2. He Reminds. (v. 15) *Of what the Scripture say.

3. He Ministers. (v.16) *Christ is at the center of his ministry.

4. He Offers. (v. 16) *Sees his work as an offering—it is sacred.

5. He Does Not Boast. (v. 17-18) *his boast is in Christ.

6. He Exhorts. (v. 18) *His people to be obedient to Scriptures.

7. He is an Example. (v. 18) *He practices what he preaches, not a hypocrite

8. He is <u>Tireless</u> (+). (v. 19) *(-) He's Not lazy

ROMANS 15:14-21

14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God.

18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;

21 but as it is written, "THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

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- 1) In his Conversion.
- 2) In his Ability to **Stand** in midst of opposition.
- 3) In His Suffering for the Gospel
- 4) In his steadfast Love for the Church.
- 5) In his Writings.....

UNDER INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE:

- 1) Romans
- 2) 1 Corinthians
- 3) 2 Corinthians
- 4) Galatians
- 5) Ephesian
- 6) Philippians
- 7) Colossians

- 8) 1 Thessalonians
- 9) 2 Thessalonians
- 10) 1 Timothy
- 11) 2 Timothy
- 12) Titus
- 13) Philemon
- 14) Maybe Hebrews!

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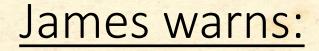




FULL TIME PASTOR MAKES HIS LIVING FROM TEACHING/PREACHING



- ✓ 1 Cor. 9:14 "So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel."
- ✓ 1 Tim. 5:17-18 "The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, "YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING," and "The laborer is worthy of his wages.""





"Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur the stricter judgment."

~James 3:1

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<u>JESUS</u> In <u>John 4:34-35</u>



"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? <u>Behold</u>, I say to you, <u>lift up your eyes</u> and look on the <u>fields</u>, that they are <u>white for harvest</u>."