

Acute Shepherding

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Introduction

I. We Need to Pray

- A. Prayer puts us in a place of s_____
- B. Prayer positions us in a state of spiritual r_____
- C. Through prayer, we become more open to the l_____ of the Holy Spirit.
- D. Prayer enters us into a p_____ with God.
- E. Prayer includes asking God for h_____

II. Discerning Their Experience

- A. You need to learn to ask good q_____
- B. Questions that may open a spiritual c_____
- C. Don't barge into the room, firing away like an i_____
- D. Asking good questions must be accompanied by good l_____

III. Respect People When They Go through Faith Struggles

- A. If the person is open about struggling with faith, allow them to be h_____
- B. It is possible to inadvertently h_____ a person from being honest with their doubts and fears.
- C. When a person begins to open up, avoid saying, "Oh, don't say that, God is good. He's going to get you through."
- D. Consider the struggles of g_____ men in the Bible.
- E. Can we as elders resist giving in to the need for giving a p_____ answer?

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IV. What We Need for Visiting the Sick

A. Patience

B. Wisdom (James 1:5-8)

Some key passages to consider are:

- Job 13:15 (learning trust and patience); Job 5:7 (inevitability of suffering)
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (experience comfort so we can comfort others)
- 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 (experience grace & grow in spiritual strength)
- Hebrews 12:5-11 (chastening)
- Hebrews 5:8 (learn obedience at a deeper level)
- Philippians 1:29 (glorifying God)
- Romans 8:28 (all things work to the good for believers)
- John 9:3 (testimony to others)
- Jeremiah 32:27 (God is able)
- Deuteronomy 29:29 (some reasons are not revealed)

C. Verses of Comfort

D. Repeat Visits

E. Resources