

# Shepherding the Shepherds

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## Lecture Outline

### Part 1 of 4

#### Introduction

*"Watch out for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I am gone fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Even from among your own group men will arise, teaching perversions of the truth to draw the disciples away after them. Therefore, be alert"*

*(Acts 20:28-31 NET Bible).*

#### I. Elders Must Be I\_\_\_\_\_ Accountable.

- A. The elders' first responsibility is to watch out for t\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. I think what Paul is saying is that shepherds need shepherding and supervision.
- C. Take caution related to your own number, because people will tend to arise to seek authority and a position for themselves.

#### II. Elders Must Be Corporately Accountable to F\_\_\_\_\_ E\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Protection comes from maintaining p\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How does one man gain a following for himself? By f\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. The way that men will rise is they will depart from the Scriptures.
  - 2. The way to discern false teaching is to stick to the Scriptures. When they depart from the Scriptures, you have people that will follow.
- C. Don't look at Acts 20 and say that this is h\_\_\_\_\_.

*"Each of you is saying, 'I am with Paul,' or 'I am with Apollos,' or 'I am with Cephas,' or 'I am with Christ'" (1 Cor. 1:12).*