What the Church Relies On: How Shepherds Guard Their Holy Life
(Acts 20:17-38) – October 17, 2021

**I. Why the Church Must Have Shepherds Who Guard Their Holy Life**

Because when a church does not listen to God’s word on the qualifications of leaders, the people will be led astray by their ungodly examples and be wounded by their unwise decisions.

**II. Examining Key Aspects of a Holy Life:**

1. **A holy shepherd considers his ministry as more important than his comfort or security**
2. **A holy shepherd guards a holy life against the temptations with money, sex, and power**

*Other Scriptural References: 1 Peter 5:1-4; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; Matthew 13:22 ; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 11-13; Galatians 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 2:1-11*