What the Church Relies On: How Shepherds Personally Watch Over the Congregation (Acts 20:17-38) – October 31, 2021

**1) As shepherds are essential for sheep, so also are pastors to Christians of a local church.**

**2) As the intimate interaction of a shepherd with his sheep is essential, so also is it needed between a pastor and his congregation.**

**3) The characteristics of a shepherd:**

**a) His purity (with members of the opposite sex)**

**b) His intentionality in teaching a disciple to obey Jesus’ teachings**

**c) The vulnerable sharing of his life**

**d) His love for church members**

**4) Where are we at?**

*Other Scriptural References: 1 Thessalonians 2:8; Titus 2:3-5; 1 Timothy 1:2; 5:1-2; Matthew 28:20*