

## **The Flock**

### **\* Acts 6:1-4**

1. Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic Jews against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of food.
2. So the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables.
3. "Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.
4. "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

### **1 Timothy 3:8-13**

8. Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain,
9. but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.
10. These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.
11. Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things.
12. Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households.
13. For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

### **\* Titus 2:2-8**

2. Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.
3. Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,
4. so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,
5. to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.
6. Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;
7. in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified,
8. sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

### **\* 1 Timothy 6:1-2**

1. All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and our doctrine will not be spoken against.
2. Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these principles.

**Ephesians 6:5-9**

5. Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;
6. not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
7. With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,
8. knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.
9. And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

**Colossians 3:22-4:1**

22. Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.
23. Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,
24. knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
25. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.
- 4:1** Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

**1 Peter 2:18-20**

18. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.
19. For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.
20. For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

**\* Ephesians 5:22-33**

22. Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
23. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.
24. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.
25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
26. so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
27. that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

28. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;
29. for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,
30. because we are members of His body.
31. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.
32. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.
33. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
2. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),
3. SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
4. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

#### **Colossians 3:20-21**

20. Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.
21. Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

#### **2 Corinthians 12:14**

Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you; for children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

#### **1 Timothy 5:4**

... but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

#### **1 Timothy 5:8**

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

#### **1 Timothy 5:14**

Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach;