

## WHERE ARE THE SHEPHERDS?

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—Who Lay Down Their Lives for the Sheep! (Jn.10:11-15.)



1. (From a talk to a new Shepherd:) I've always been a champion of the underdog & the little fellow, the handicapped & the poor guys who are getting a raw deal & who are not treated fairly, & who are being fleeced or abused & mistreated.

2. It's every king's problem to try to learn the truth from the people at the ground level. Many a king had to disguise

himself as a peasant or labourer & go out alone or with a bodyguard to talk to the people themselves to find out the truth. He couldn't get the truth through his own superior officers who were giving him a completely distorted picture of what was going on, a rosy-glow scene which was not actually true.

3. I am concerned about the little fellows down there who work hard on the pavements, on the front lines litnessing. To me, they are our greatest soldiers & heroes—not the bigshots who sit in their offices on their fannies & do nothing but "supervise on paper"!

4. I supervised my sheep closely! I tried my best to see what state my flocks & fields were in before I built my own house.—Pro.27:23; 24:27.

5. And I think I was a faithful shepherd, even while we were on the road. I used to go around at night & visit all the vehicles & cars & trailers that the people were sleeping in, making sure that they had ventilation if they had heaters inside. I made sure they had a comfortable place to sleep, were warm, had enough

blankets, clothes etc.

6. I believe I was a faithful shepherd even when I was just a nobody, just a humble shepherd of a little flock of stray sheep running around the country together. I did my best to take good care of them. Thank God!

7. I believe they knew that I loved them & was concerned about their welfare, as much if not more than my own. Way back in our first little Soul Clinic Schools, I was always checking on the students to make sure that they were comfortable & cozy.

8. I've always tried to make sure in my own little home that everybody is comfortable & has sufficient furniture, clothing, covers etc.

9. I have always been concerned about the sheep & particularly those with whom I was in direct contact, where I could be a direct observer & investigate in person to see how they do. So I have really tried.

10. But at this level it's almost impossible to know the truth unless you can actually visit the Homes yourself in person. Most information comes from reports & upper officers, some of whom have been hiding the facts.

11. They still don't seem to understand that the whole thing is for the sake of the little people at the bottom—not for the sake of the "lords over God's heritage" at the top.—1Pet.5:3.

12. The whole idea is to preach the Gospel to the poor, set at liberty them which are bound, heal the sick, cast out devils, deliver the little people, the people that are right down there at pavement level!

13. The Chain of Cooperation was intended to give the sheep even better care. Instead of that it turned out in many cases to simply give the leaders better care & develop a lot of top-heavy leadership that wasn't even needed, didn't care for the sheep, fleecing them to the bare skin!

14. I want you to be a little more open, a little more candid & not afraid to talk, because I have to hear. I need to hear not only the good things but I need to hear the bad things too, because we're now in the process of trying to change things!

15. We want to change the bad things to good things, but we can't do it unless we know what's happening & what's