

Bereans Bible Institute
Module IX – The Christian Home
Lesson 4 – What Biblical Leadership Looks Like (Part 1)

I. The Metaphor of the ‘Shepherd’ over God’s flock

A. David – Psalm 78:70-72 *“He also chose David His servant, And took him from the sheepfolds; From following the ewes that had young He brought him, To shepherd Jacob His people, And Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.”*

B. Jesus – John 10:11-15 *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”*

C. Elders – Acts 20:28 *“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”* & 1 Pet. 5:1-4 *“The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.”*

D. Be the ‘Shepherd’ of your family.

II. The Metaphor of a ‘Rock’ for God’s leaders

A. Deut. 32:3-4 *“For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”*

B. 2 Sam. 23:2-3 *“Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel: ‘The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: “He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.””*

C. Hypocrites cannot lead – actions contradict words

D. A ‘Rock’ is solid, unmovable, standing on principle, always consistent.

E. Not “DO WHAT I SAY,” but rather “DO WHAT I DO.” Instruct wives and children by EXAMPLE. Be the ROCK of your family – model CONSISTENCY in following of Christ. Always be true to your word & Christ’s commandments.

F. She will not respect you unless you have self-respect, which comes from consistent submission and obedience to Christ.