

“I AM: THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

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MEMORY VERSE

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

“I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!” (John 10:1 NLT)

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (John 10:10 NLT)

FOUR CHALLENGES OF BEING A SHEEP

1. **SHEEP GET LOST EASILY.** Isaiah 53: All we like sheep...
2. **SHEEP ARE DEFENSELESS.** (Walking, talking lamb chops)
3. **SHEEP ARE VERY STUBBORN.** (No reverse.)
4. **SHEEP ARE FILTHY.** (Will not and cannot clean.)

Sheep need a shepherd—We need Jesus.

FOUR NECESSARY ACTIONS JESUS THE SHEPHERD DOES FOR YOU

1. HE GUIDES.

He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. (Psalm 23:3)

“The gatekeeper opens the gate for (the shepherd), and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.” (John 10:3-4 NLT)

2. HE PROVIDES.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he refreshes my soul. (Psalm 23:1-3)

3. HE CORRECTS.

Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. ¹⁸For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal. (Job 5:17-18)

No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. (Hebrews 12:11)

4. HE PROTECTS.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:4-6)

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home.” (Luke 15:4-6)

GOING DEEPER

1. Pick one of the 4 things that sheep do that you believe you are apt to do in this season of life. Don't be discouraged! Identify it, take it to the Lord in prayer, and make sure to look at the next question!
2. Pick one of the 4 things that the Good Shepherd does that you need in this season of life. Pray the Bible verses to God and ask Him to deliver those truths to you. May you be strengthened in faith through Jesus Christ.