

shepherd to lead God's people and to ~~teach them~~ teach them to grow in grace. And there is a third part of the work which must not be neglected.

I heard Dean Brown of Yale once, speaking, and telling about how the many churches he went into had these pictures of the good shepherd up there, and they showed the shepherd with the sheep, and he was leading his sheep along beside the still waters and doing all this, and it is lovely, and ...4..., and he said, Why do we hate to see the picture of the shepherd with his staff of rage driving away the lion or the bear that is ready to come in and tear the sheep, and that is just as vital a part of the work of the shepherd as the other two, just as vital, just as important, a part of the work of the shepherd, and to lead souls into the kingdom of Christ, and then leave them for the lion up there to take off, and h...4½....., it is definitely not honoring to the Lord. The true shepherd must do all three phases of the work of the shepherd, and every true shepherd has all three phases of the work of the shepherd, to a greater or less extent. But in performing them, the vital thing is that we do them, not going through some motions, ~~because~~ because this is the job we are called to, it is the profession that we have the chance to earn our livign by, this is the way we are going to honor God, and we don't care about the people, that's not honoring to God. But we must have the spirit of compassion that the Lord Jesus Christ had when he ~~looked~~ looked upon the multitudes as sheep not having a shepherd, and how many there are within three miles of this ...5¼... that are in exactly that situation, and do you look with a love, and a longing that they might come to the knowledge of Christ, that they might be born into His kingdom, that they might be built up in the faith of Christ, taught to go forward in His kingdom, and to serve Him, and protect them from the wolves and the lions that come to tear them. Let us pray....