

HOW IT ALL FUNCTIONS



Two Core Principles

- (1) We are like _____
 Sheep need _____
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- (2) God always _____ His people
 Through His _____
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Philippians 1:1 “Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.”

1. This is the _____ form of _____
 in God’s church
2. Each congregation is _____ and _____ for itself

Ephesus: Revelation 2:6 “Yet this you do have, that you **hate** the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. “



Pergamum: Revelation 2:15 “So you also have some who in the same way **hold** the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

Without shepherds a church is _____ than what God desires for them
 God designed shepherds to _____ God’s people _____ to His word and to Heaven

The Various Terms Used to Describe Their Function:

1. Acts 20:28 O _____ : w _____ ; S _____ : c _____
2. 1 Timothy 3:1 B _____ : o _____
3. 1 Peter 5:1 E _____ : e _____ spiritually
4. Ephesians 4:11 P _____ : s _____ or c _____

3. There is always a _____ of elders (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5)
4. Their work is _____ to the congregation they are a part of (1 Peter 5:2)
5. Their work is _____ (1 Peter 5:3)
 They are e _____ and l _____ not bosses and heads
6. The work of these leaders is the w _____ of the flock
 Prov 27:23; Luke 15:4-5

