Let All Things Be Done for Building Up

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INTRODUCTION

- Transitions and changes have potential for great success or great failure.
- The purpose of worship, the purpose of a congregation is first to honor God, and then to build up the body as a whole.

1 Let All Things Be Done for Building Up

1 Corinthians 14:26; 1 Corinthians 14:4; 1 Corinthians 12:7

- What then, brothers, when you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.
- But the one who prophesies builds up the church. Right? So this is something that is beneficial to everyone.
- Brothers, do not be children in your thinking, but in your thinking be mature. It's not about you.
- You work for the common good. Not for what you want, not for your desires, but it's for the good of the whole body.

2 Choosing Shepherds: The Purpose Remains the Same

1 Peter 5:1–4; Titus 1

- It is no different with something like selecting elders. The purpose remains the same.
- They are a steward over God's things. They are overseeing God's house.
- There is a chief shepherd that our shepherds are accountable to. They are not the ultimate authority.
- Shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you.

3 Overseers Are to Be Chosen Extremely Carefully

Titus 1; 1 Timothy 3

- A person who is chosen to be a shepherd needs to be well thought of both within the body, within the assembly, and also outside.
- If they can't manage their own house, how are they going to manage the house of God? Because they are stewards.
- We have to have someone who we know is humble, who we know is of low mind, doesn't hold himself above others.
- Just because someone is successful in the world doesn't mean they are now in prime position to lead the body of Christ.

4 A Shepherd Knows the Flock and Is Sacrificial

John 10; 1 Peter 5:2–3

- A shepherd has to know the flock. If they don't, quite simply, the flock will not listen.
- Shepherds are sacrificial, just like Jesus, he says, I lay my life down for the sheep.
- Part of their role is then actually to be an example, to be a type.
- The goal is not to rule and have authority and be domineering and call the shots and be the final say.

5 Poor Shepherding Is Destructive to the Lord's People

1 Timothy 5:17; Ezekiel 34; Jeremiah 23

- Poor shepherding is destructive to the Lord's people. When it is not done well, bad things happen.
- Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.
- Oh, the shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves. Should not shepherds feed the sheep?
- There's a stiff warning about using a position like this for your own benefit.

6 Humble Yourselves Under the Mighty Hand of God

1 Peter 5:5–6; Philippians 2:3–4

- Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
- The path to exaltation is to humble myself under the mighty hand of God.
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.
- Obey your leaders and submit to them. For they are keeping watch over your souls as those who will give an account.

THE CHALLENGE

I hope if you have strong opinions, that those opinions will be based on these scriptures.

MY NOTES