\*ARE YOU FEEDING THE SHEEP?\*

Apostle Peter wrote:

\*"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for dishonest gain, but of a ready mind"\*

1 Peter 5:2.

The bible made references to us: believers, as Sheep to God.

 \*"Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the Sheep of His pasture".\*

Psalm 100:3 .

Without doubt, God cares for His Sheep and He expects that the people He has called out to be shepherds feed the sheep regularly and not allow them to stray or give room for wolves to attack them:

 \*"I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock".\*

Acts 20:29.

Jesus Christ expressed His undeniable love for the Sheep:

 \*"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd".\*

Matthew 9:36.

It is the love of Jesus for us: the Sheep that made Him to choose His disciples and told them:

 \*“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”\*

Matthew 4:19.

Apostle Peter was one of those disciples; he later wrote the book of \*1st and 2nd Peter\*.

He boasted about his love for Christ:

 \*"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."\*

Luke 22:33.

However, after Jesus Christ was crucified, Peter and some of the disciples went back to their fishing work; though \*they did not get anything\* until Jesus came around and miraculously helped them to catch multitude of fishes.

 \*John 21:3-6\*.

Jesus asked Simon Peter three times:

\*"Simon; son of John, do you love me more than these?"\*

John 21:15-17.

Meaning: \*"Peter, if indeed you love me as you have always declared, why are you back fishing for fish? when there are Souls out there to be won for my sake".\*

Peter replied:

\*"You know that I love you."\*

Then Jesus Christ said to him three times.

John 21:15-17:

\*"FEED MY SHEEP"\*

Soon after that incident; Peter began to feed the Sheep and won souls in thousands.

 \*Acts 2 :41.\*

In \*Exodus 34:14\* the bible says our God is a jealous God. He wants us to put Him and His work first.

 \*Matthew 6:33\*

Our Lord Jesus Christ exhibited the jealous nature of God in the events of: \*John21:15-17\*

Fellow believers, this message is to \*inspire you\* to good works in Christ and to \*awaken you\* not to neglect or give less priority to the \*work of God in your care\*

Especially, those placed as shepherds over the Sheep.

 \*Apparently, anyone that is truly called by God into the work of God should know better.\* Heb 5:4.

Apostle Paul also reiterated it:

 \*"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he has purchased with His own blood".\*

Acts 20:28

It does not matter if you are not into full time ministry; your allegiance and commitment to feeding the Sheep are being weighed by God:

 \*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."\*

2 Cor 5:10.

One of the things that get God angry against the shepherds as recorded in the bible is when Shepherds neglect their Sheep.

 \*"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to you shepherds of Israel who only take care of yourselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?"\*

Ezekiel 34:2.

God will request of every lost Sheep from the Shepherds;

 \*"Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my Sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the Sheep.."\*

Ezekiel 34:10.

 \*If your Sheep have strayed? search for them; clean them up and ensure they get balance diet.\*

In conclusion, it is important that you ensure those under you are not starved of the necessary pure milk of the \*word of God.\*

The second coming of our Lord Jesus is near. \*Will He find your flock intact and well fed? \* If Yes:

 \*"When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."\* 🙏🏼

I Peter 5:4.

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