

SERMON TITLE:

***"First Things
First"***

TEXT(s):
Proverbs 27:23-27

PROVERBS 27:23

"Be diligent to know
the state of your
flocks; and attend to
your *herds*;"

PROVERBS 27:24

"For *riches* are not
forever, Nor does a
crown endure to all
generations."

PROVERBS 27:25

"When the *hay* is
removed, and the
tender grass shows
itself, and the *herbs*
of the mountains are
gathered in,"

PROVERBS 27:26

"The *lambs* will
provide your
clothing, and the
goats the price of a
field;"

PROVERBS 27:27

"You shall have
enough *goat's milk* for
your food, for the food
of your household, and
the nourishment of
your maidservants."

**SERMONIC
KEY WORDS:**

- #1:** => stwrdshp.
- #2:** => priorities
- #3:** => provision

INTRODUCTION:

Prevailing Biblical
Image:
Rural,
Agricultural,
Agrarian Society

INTRODUCTION:

IMAGES OF:
Farming, Herding,
Shepherding

INTRODUCTION:

- #1: WHO** => farmer
- #2: WHERE** => farm
- #3: WHAT** => farming

INTRODUCTION:

WORD USAGE(S):
Sowing/Reaping;
Increase; Bread;
Fruit/Grain Offering;
Plowing; Tithing;

INTRODUCTION:

- Gn.2:15** => Adam
- Gn.4:2** => Cain-Abel
- Gn.9:20** => Noah
- IKg.19:19** => Elsh.
- ICh.26:10** => Uzzh
- Psm.23:1** => David

INTRODUCTION:

J: **John 6:35,48**
E: => **Bread of Life**
S: **John 10:11,14**
U: => **Good Shphrd.**
S: **John 15:1-5**
=> **True Vine**

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

"Be diligent to **know**
the state of your
flocks; and attend to
your **herds;"**

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

Everybody has a
"flock" or a "herd!"
Something/Someone
GOD has commended
into our care!!!

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

Adam/Eve -> GOE;
Pastor -> Church;
Husbands -> Wives;
Parents->Children;
Employees -> Jobs;

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

What is your
"flock?"
What has GOD
given you to
nurture/love/tend?

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

PASTOR->CHURCH.
"Sheepfold Ministry"
"Shepherding Mnst."
"Discipleship Grps."
"Small/Cell Groups"

SERMONIC PNT. #1:

PASTOR



DEACON/DEACONESS



CAPTAIN/"SHEPHERD"



MEMBERSHIP/CONGR.

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

PROVERBS 27:24

"For *riches* are not forever, Nor does a *crown* endure to all generations."

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

PROVERBS 27:24

KNOW WHAT'S IMPORTANT:

... *Who & What* will be there for you in the end?!?!

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:19-34:

"Do not lay up for yourselves *treasures on earth*, where moth and rust *destroy* and where the thieves break in and *steal*;"

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:20:

"But lay up for yourselves *treasures in heaven*, where neither moth nor rust *destroys* and where thieves do not break in and *steal*."

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:21:

"For where your *TREASURE* is, there your *HEART* will be also.

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:21:

"Now if GOD so *clothes the grass* of the field...will HE not *much more clothe you*, O you *of little faith?*"

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:21:

"Therefore ***DO NOT*** worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. *Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*"

SERMONIC PNT. #2:

MATT. 6:21:

"***BUT***, seek FIRST the ***KINGDOM of GOD*** and HIS righteousness, and *all these things shall be added* to you."

SERMONIC PNT. #3:

PROVERBS 27:25

"When the *hay* is removed, and the *tender grass* shows itself, and the *herbs* of the mountains are gathered in,"

SERMONIC PNT. #3:

PROVERBS 27:27

"You shall have enough *goat's milk* for your food, for the food of your household, and the nourishment of your maidservants."

SERMONIC PNT. #3:

PHILLIPIANS 4:19:

"And my GOD shall supply all your need according to HIS riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

SERMONIC PNT. #3:

PSALMS 37:25

"I have been young,
and now am old; **YET** I
have not seen the
righteous forsaken,
NOR his seed begging
bread."

SERMONIC PNT. #3:

PSALMS 37:25

"**HE** is ever
*merciful, and
lends;* And **HIS**
descendants
are blessed."

SERMONIC PNT.

#3:

**GOD
WILL
PROVIDE!!!**

CONCLUSION:

**STWRDSHP. +
PRIORITIES =
PROVISION**