

# I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**John 10:11** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**John 10:1 NLT** I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!

**John 10:10 NLT** The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

## FOUR CHALLENGES OF BEING A SHEEP

**SHEEP GET LOST EASILY.**

**SHEEP ARE DEFENSELESS.**

**SHEEP ARE VERY STUBBORN.**

**SHEEP ARE FILTHY.**

## WHAT DOES THE GOOD SHEPHERD DO?

**HE GUIDES.**

Psalms 23:3...He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

John 10:3-4 NLT The gatekeeper opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.<sup>4</sup> After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice.

**HE PROVIDES.**

Psalms 23:1-3 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul...

**HE CORRECTS.**

Hebrews 12:11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

**HE PROTECTS.**

Psalms 23:4-6 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.