





# Sheepish



# *Jesus had a somewhat different view*

**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.**

**John 14:12**



# *Jesus had a somewhat different view*

**Jesus did not see us as worthless sheep but valuable shepherds**

**But to meet our ministry potential we must surrender all -- Mark 8:35**

***For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.***



# *Surrender the three bags of wool -- Acts 2:42-47*

**They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**



# *Surrender the three bags of wool*

When we come back to the beginning,  
we easily see **three relationships** we must  
commit to if we are going to move  
beyond being "**good**" sheep  
and become **great** shepherds



# *One for the Master (God)*

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**The key verb here is devoted:**

**The act of dedicating something to a cause, enterprise, or activity**





# *One for the Master (God)*

The apostles' teaching: **LEARNING**

**Discipleship** is not primarily about gaining knowledge but use knowledge (**ministry** or **service**)

**Fellowship**

**Prayer**

**Worship:** Met in Temple courts  
& Breaking a Bread in the homes



# *The Result --- God Worked*

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# *One for the Dame (Each Other)*

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# *One for the Dame (Each Other)*

**They were devoted to one another**

**They shared possessions (Financial Resources)**

**They shared time**

**Their commitment was not a Sunday thing, it was a daily thing**

**These people were more than friends, they were family**



# *The Result*

## **Glad and Sincere Hearts**



# *One for the Little Boy that lives down the Lane (Reaching the World)*

**Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.**



# *One for the Little Boy that lives down the Lane (Reaching the World)*

**Their glad and sincere hearts spilled into praising God not  
"in church" but in life**

**Praisers not complainers**

**They were excited about what God was doing and could not  
wait to get there**

**The secular world looked at them with favor**



# *The Result*

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to their number daily those who  
were being saved.





*The Lord Added*  
I planted the seed,  
Apollos watered it,  
**but God has been making it grow.**  
*(1 Corinthians 3:6)*



**If God is who makes it grow  
and its not growing then that means God has  
a problem with the way we are doing things?**

**God will never send a sheep  
to the “slaughter” house,  
he will only send a sheep to a shepherd**





*The lack of growth  
is a devotion issue*



# *Devoted to the Relationships?*

