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Transforming Daily
“ . . . follow in the footsteps of the flock . . . ”
Song of Solomon 1:8

The Shulamite inquires of The Beloved where his flock of Sheep is. She reasons why she should stay in another flock when she is drawn to his. She is drawn by his provision and protection for his sheep, by his compassion and caring for their safety and wellbeing. The response of The Beloved is to follow the other sheep of his flock and she will find where he feeds them and gives them rest.

The Shulamite is drawn by The Beloved's protection and provision. The Shulamite sees from his followers, as well as reasoning what she sees in him as compassion and caring for them, that if she could come to him she would be cared for in the same fashion. What an amazing illustration for the church to hear and to heed! In other words, one who is of another flock (the world) should be drawn to The Shepherd, Jesus Christ, by the actions of the sheep of His flock (the church).

As well, it applies to every believer as an individual to take note of their personal, private, and public lifestyle. It underscores the privilege and responsibility of the believer to be aware of his or her actions in the sight and hearing of others. God doesn't *need* us in the work of His ministry. He *wants* us to be involved in the work of His ministry. He uses us to influence the lives of others for the sake of the gospel.

Have you prepared your life to be followed after? Are you preparing your life to be followed after? Do you have plans to continue to prepare your life to be followed after so that others might find the flock, and more importantly, the Good Shepherd of the flock?

Start in your home. Begin or continue to influence your spouse. Lead them to the flock of The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, The Beloved. Don't send your children to church or other Christian related functions. Take them. Lead them that they might follow in the footsteps of the flock.