

The First Nation Building Principle Part III

Nationbuilding Principles

**“No nation can survive the
nullification of their Pastors”**

Nationbuilding Principle #1

Spiritual Leadership

- Spiritual leadership is key in the Church Age
 - Through spiritual leadership God changes the world through the agency of the church
 - The congregation is changed by the preaching and teaching of the man of God. This is evangelism and discipleship.
 - The congregation changes the world through their verbal witness of Christ and their living witness of holiness as demonstrated in the institutions

Spiritual Leadership

- Three Kinds of Leadership

- John 10:1-13

- 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. 3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. NIV

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 - John 10:1-13
 - **The Sheep:** Are not merely the saved. These sheep know the voice of the shepherd by means of repetition. They correspond to properly taught believers who can discern good from evil Heb 5:12-14. The issue here is not salvation but discipleship. True disciples will not follow a thief or a hireling, although the untaught believer will blindly do so.
 - **The Thief and Robber:** Are those who are out to simply exploit the flock. They are the evil shepherds of Ezekiel 34 and of Jeremiah 23. Their objective is to kill, steal and destroy. These people are greedy but they are also motivated by something far worse than greed. These are false teachers, unsaved individuals who are strangers to the flock. These individuals knowingly teach false doctrine. 2Peter 2.1-3

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 - **The Hireling:** Is a person who is not committed to protect or to minister to the flock, but is there to make a living. His objective is not the destruction of the flock, but he will not sacrifice himself for the sake of the flock, but will allow them to be slaughtered in order to save himself. This is the teacher of error that is not his own. He teaches a second hand error born of laziness and lack of commitment to the flock. He is not a false teacher per se, he is a hireling. If he were not a hireling, then he would seek Gods face on behalf of the flock and teach the truth accurately, which is how the flock is fed.

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 - **The Good Shepherd:** Enters the sheepfold through the door, which is Christ. In other words the good shepherd is a believer. The good shepherd is called by God, therefore he is committed to the sheep even to the point of death on their behalf. The good shepherd values the sheep. He also feeds them, leading them into pasture. The good shepherd provides spiritual food for the spiritual nourishment of the flock. Therefore the good shepherd spiritually protects the flock and leads the flock through his accurate teaching and private prayer. Because of his consistency in teaching and preaching, his sheep know his voice.

Understanding Error

- Every erroneous teacher is not a “False Teacher”
 - The false teacher is an unsaved individual who desires to steal, kill and destroy. John 10.10. He deliberately deceives and introduces heresies with the explicit intention of destroying spiritual lives. Their destiny is condemnation and destruction.

Understanding Error

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 - 2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them-bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3 In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping. NIV

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 - 1John 4:1 indicates that there are “many” false teachers in the world.
 - 2 Peter 2:1-3 indicates that these false teachers will also deceive many. Some of these “many” will become pastors and bible teachers.
 - These individuals usually do not possess the motives of the false teacher, often they are people of good intentions.
 - However the outcome of their teaching is just as destructive as that of the hell-bound false teacher

Understanding Error

- Every erroneous teacher is not a “False Teacher”
 - Therefore, in the Black Renaissance we do not attempt to discern the motives of men, nor do we attack individuals. We do attack false teaching and render it of no use to future generations.
 - This is the reason that our focus is the support and training of Pastors and bible teachers. The spiritual warfare is based upon the proper application of the Word of God to individual lives. The cumulative impact of obedience is national blessing. Likewise, the improper application of the Word of God to life leads to national disaster.

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