

Feed the Flock by Example

Scripture reading: Peter 5:1-3

We know that God is saying that those who are given the oversight of the flock of God, which He hath purchased with his own Blood, must feed the flock (Acts 20:28).

So feed the flock. However, there is a possibility of you feeding the flock and yet you not being fed. You can be a feeder and not an eater; you just take the food and give it, take the food and give it. Yes!

I never forgot the night when God told me, "**Appropriate it before you export it.**" I thought He was giving me a message to give to you, but He was actually giving me a message for me. Amen. I was burning with fever and Jesus came to me and spoke to me. You know it is always exciting when the Lord comes and speaks to you. I jumped for my pencil. I was going to write down what He was saying so that I wouldn't forget it and be able to preach it in the service the next morning.

But He said, "No. No. Put that pencil aside. YOU APPROPRIATE IT."

I began to repeat what He said and repeat what He said, until it began to sink into my heart. The fever, the cold, my throat, everything went immediately. I got up completely well the next morning. It was a lesson that He was giving me, but I was going to export it before I used it. I was thinking it was for you and not for me.

Let us go to 1st Peter 5:1-3, *"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."*

You feed the flock by example.

There is no way that a brother should come in the congregation, begin to preach and tell the brethren how to behave at home with their wives, when he is not behaving at home with his wife. Yet, this thing goes on all the while.

There was a man, a Counselor, a Divorce Counselor and in the midst of his counseling he got divorced. Do you see what I mean? He was counseling, yet he had not counseled himself.

We are going to realize that preaching the Word of God is not jumping up and giving a message. Preaching the Word of God is being the example.

(Excerpt from *The Omega Message*, December 2011, pg. 15-16)

Thought for today: Being an example goes further than words or actions.