

John 10:9-16

Serving God as a Good Shepherd by Eliminating Bad Apples

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for my wisdom to come forward with this message today.

Guide us and let us take in this world that we gave to this flock today and apply it to our lives.

Guide us to worthy to your kingdom in our lives and household

Let us save any people in our life that are bad apples to bring them to Christ to make them more spiritual and godly.

Strengthen our cheerful giving and spiritual gifts in shepherding

You are faithful, powerful and merciful

Guide us to turn away from the sinful world to serve as good shepherds to your kingdom

In Jesus name, Amen.

Isaiah 65:8-18

I decided to share this sermon about this topic and scripture because I know it is a good idea to stay away from bad apples, but some people with bad apples can still be saved and receive blessings from God and Holy Spirit. We do not need to destroy our bad apples in our inner circle because it is possible that they can be saved and get passed the brazen altar in the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle. Only thing we need to do is bless the fruit and whatever we do before completing an accomplishment and/or goal. We do not want to be like Adam in the Garden of Eden that sinned. We need to do our duty as servants and disciples to help bad apples to end their wicked and somewhat ungodly ways. When you read Isaiah 65:8, that is what the scripture is saying to me and probably saying to the rest of you. When you read Isaiah 65:8, some bad apples we will not be able to save and bring to Christ because we may have to pay and let them find their own path to Christ. I learned from staff at Star of Hope Mission in Houston to let my friend Kenneth, who I have been friends with since elementary school, follow his own path in Chicago. I have been trying to bring him to Christ from being a Muslim asking me for money every week. Ways to eliminate bad apples from your inner circle and around you is to find ways that you can work together with that person. If you have people in your inner circle and you are still bad apples, you may want to just distance yourself from that person and move on and let that person follow their own path in their life. Do not let no one that are bad apples and continue to act like bad apples hold you back. Say do not let no one hold you back. People who are bad apples will realize later they need Christ Jesus in their life like it says in Proverbs 3:5-6, Matthew 4:19, Philippians 4:13, Proverbs 3:27-28. I need you to take note of these scriptures in case you have any bad apples in your inner circle and what to do with bad apples in your inner circle and around you.

1. Proverbs 3:5-6

- a. Trust in the Lord daily by depending on God, not the world. Trust in the Lord by praying and depending on getting things from heaven, not the sinful world today.
 - b. Trust in the Lord by living obedient to Christ Jesus. It means read and apply the scriptures to your life on how you can grow in fellowship with God and strengthen your heart as a mustard seed. If you have problems understanding the bible, I encourage you to talk to a pastor or deacon. I am always open to talking to members and visitors about the bible to better understand it on how they need to live their life spiritually.
 - c. Trust in the Lord by sacrificing your life and soul to him.
 - d. Trust in the Lord by worrying about your own life and staying out of other people's lives daily. That is 100% fact because people need to stay out of other people's lives to prevent themselves from being others that have or accomplish more than them. I want to say to people that are envious of other people that have accomplished more and have more than them, then they need to change what they are doing in their life and do something about it. Living in depression and oppression while watching other people succeed will not help you succeed in anything. This applies to homeless men and women at homeless shelters as well.
2. Proverbs 3:27-28
- a. Live your life with the fruit of the spirit and read book of Galatians to better train you to be a Christian and disciples.
3. Matthew 4:19
- a. Be a follower of Christ Jesus
 - b. Read God's word daily to know how to live your life for God in the path of righteousness.
 - c. Be a follower of Christ Jesus to be able to prosper spiritually and prosper by listening to the sinful world today.
 - d. Be a follower of Christ Jesus by putting your faith and belief in Jesus, not mammon.
 - e. Be a follower of Christ Jesus and be born again in the Holy Spirit to get passed the brazen altar to the Most Holy Place in the Tabernacle.
 - f. Be a follower of Christ Jesus and stop listening to sin in the world to support abortion, same-sex marriage, legalizing marijuana, pride month and government funding for abortion, believe all couples supposed to be man and woman with children.
 - g. Be a follower of Christ Jesus to eliminate wicked ways in our life to live with fruit of the spirit.
4. Philippians 4:13
- a. Fellowship with God daily.
 - b. Read and stay in God's word daily to avoid sin in your life.
 - c. Be obedient to God and Holy Spirit

- d. Be a cheerful giver to the Lord and give generously to help the poor and homelessness. God likes and praises people that give back to the poor and homelessness. I want to make one note that we need to help ourselves and not just depend on others. That's why homeless men and women living on the streets need to stop being all about conceit to be willing to help more of themselves by staying at homeless shelters in their local city. We live in times with inflation that burdens people's pocketbooks and no one has extra money to give out to homeless people on a daily basis.
- e. Listen to God in your heart daily on what he wants you to do in your life. Do not listen to idolatry, sinners, temptation or tax collectors. We need to avoid scriptures like 1 John 2:15-17 because we do not want to love the world.

Isaiah did what he did in Isaiah 65:9 as a major profit in the bible to help people understand that Jesus is faithful. He helped educate people to understand that Jesus is faithful in different ways and can be faithful in different ways in our life. When you go back to Isaiah 65:9, we need to take on the plans out of my playbook like a high school friend told me back in 2015 that it is important to be transparent about what we do in our life. That's why this congregation has always been transparent since 2014. You have people out here that act like agents and haters that think they know everything about people. Clients at Star of Hope Mission in Houston last year told me that I need to start making more of my church operations public, such as church finances, to see how we are conducting our church operations. I make sure the church is doing that today. You even have people in shared rooms today that are haters of people that are successful and sophisticated that have more accomplishments than them. That is 100% fact. I say in my previous sermons since 2014 that people need to be more godly and worry about their own destiny and life of their own. I learned from a friend in Chicago at the time about businesses and individuals being more transparent and truthful is a good thing. It means more people will automatically turn away from haters and envious people that think they know everything. Again, I say that Pastor John Johnson always say stop telling people all your business. I say stop telling people all your business that are not loyal friends in your inner circle. Say to the person next to you: you worry about your own life. When you and I read Isaiah 65:10, it goes back to the time when I was at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston to find a loyal church home to get involved and attend church services weekly. We need to seek a church home to seek God in our life.

1. First thing you need to do is walk the aisle at the benediction to give yourself to Christ.
2. Seek God in your life
3. Attend church services and bible study weekly
4. Attend Sunday school weekly.
5. Give tithes and offerings to the Lord in church and serve as a cheerful giver outside of church to receive blessings and breakthrough from God daily.

6. Be obedient to God in church and out of church. It means do not live by the flesh out of church to live as a sinner and tax collector.
7. Read and study the bible daily
8. Pray to God with thanksgiving daily for what God has given you. Do not be like Adam in the Garden of Eden.
9. Teach our children to be obedient to God while they are young. People are born in this world as a sinner, but we children need to be turned away from sin as young children, so their hearts can grow in Christ like a mustard seed.

When I read Isaiah 65:11, I think about people that make fall out of worship with God by listening to the world and politicians that tell us to support abortion, same-sex marriage, legalizing mariquana. I think about this scripture about people in the world still listening to temptation and living in bondage. Say to the person next to you to save me from temptation. When I read the scripture, I think about people in the world still living as a tax collector and sinner. We need to stop letting people tell us to forsake God and making unrighteous decisions by supporting same-sex marriage, abortion, federal and state funding for abortions, and legalizing mariquana. We need to honor God to support him as creator of human life on earth because life on earth is precious. We need to stop smoking and supporting legalizing mariquana because life on earth is precious. Say to the person next to you to stop harming yourself. All couples are supposed to be men and women with children. Do not let a liberal tell you it was Adam and Steve before Adam and Eve. Do not be a taker. I am calling all rich people to give more of their wealth and fortunes to the poor and homelessness. I do not mean paying more in taxes. I mean the rich giving more of the wealth to the poor and homelessness freely. Isaiah 65:12 takes me back to 1 John 2:15-17 because we need to live in the path of righteousness to God and Holy Spirit, not the world. Say stop living in bondage to the world. Isaiah 65:13-14, takes me back to when I was living in poverty in Chicago from 2011-2015 living at places like Olive Branch Mission, Pacific Garden Mission and A Little Bit of Heaven Shelter. While I was struggling and getting my higher education in Chicago, I started to get my calling and follow Jesus. I found out that God has chosen me out of all my family members to serve God as his servants and disciple. My heart started to grow in 2011 as a mustard seed to where I am today spiritually. God has chosen me like it says in Isaiah 65:14-15 because I am servant to the Lord likes to rejoice in the Lord, have a good heart to the Lord as a good shepherd, do not let no one on earth judge my heart because I know that is Christ Jesus job in heaven to do that, live for God with thanksgiving, believe Christ Jesus is truth, let God guide me though my troubles. I want to share my updated support for the 2024 Presidential race as an Independent/unaffiliated voter in Pennsylvania. I support Chase Oliver 40% (Libertarian), Robert Kennedy, Jr. 17% (Independent), Donald Trump 17% (Republican), Cornel West 16% (Independent), Joe Biden 10% (Democratic). I support Senator Bob Casey (D) 41% and David McCormick (R) 48% in the US Senate race as an independent/unaffiliated voter in Pennsylvania.

1. Do not love the world more than you love God in your life.
2. Be a follower of Jesus, not the world
3. Let God guide you in your life, not the world and temptation within the world.
4. Do not live your life as a sinner and tax collector.
5. Do not let people judge your heart to let people cause you for not being truthful in any situation. You want to prove to people and bad apples wrong by being transparent in your life. I apply this to my life today to prove more people wrong in my life among men and women that like to judge me on my career as an ordained Bishop, living situation around others and tenants, and economically. We live in a world with people like men and women that I like to judge people to think they know everything about people. I let those people be untruthful with themselves and being liars to themselves that hate and envy others. People need to stop hating people that are career-oriented and got goals and accomplishments. Those people's lives will continue to run into a wall and soon or later they will guarantee to find out why their life is running into a wall. I want to tell a true story about myself when I move out of living situations to better myself to prove other tenants wrong, prove people wrong during my successes. I learned at the Star of Hope Mission in Houston in the Spiritual Recovery Program is not to care for what others think of me and my successes and move on to let God continue to guide me in my successes as well as continue to work on me. Haters and bad apple type people will continue to live their life in depression, oppression and mental health until they change their ways.
6. Stop your codependency with others. Depend on God as your savior in your life to be your source and provider.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for this powerful message today.

Let this message resonate with our minds and hearts during the week and weekend.

Guide us to strengthen our fellowship with God daily.

Guide us to strengthen our wisdom and contentment to God

Guide us to be good shepherds to the Lord

In Jesus name, Amen.

If you like this message and apply this message to your life, I encourage you to continue to worship with us by seeking a church home that we dedicate ourselves to pray for you daily. You can call our prayer line during the week or you can talk to our prayer ministry at the end of the service, so we the Prayer Ministry can keep you in their prayers and help you seek God in your life. Let us pray for you. We pray for people and you because we love you as a child of God, brother and/or sister. It seems like my number will go up this month as part of the prayer team at the Philly House in Philadelphia. If you are still dealing with ungodliness and sin in your life related to the message, call our prayer ministry number (332) 333-1973. Church still have the \$1

capital campaign for tithes and offerings, so people, members and visitors can still graciously and spiritually give \$1 for tithes and offering to the church at <https://giv.li/b8xl62>.

If giving time and you can give at our givelify app, text or cash app. I want to let you know about the cash app. The church givelify link is <https://giv.li/b8xl62>, Give by text at (215) 995-2087. When you give and plan to give, think of Acts 20:35.