

SHEPHERDING VALUES CENTRAL HUB

The **SHEPHERDING VALUES** hub is an online location that contains relevant resources to equip community group Leaders in shepherding effectively in their role. The values are to Pray Diligently, Love Patiently, Know Thoroughly, Speak Wisely, and Direct Biblically. Click on any of the links below to access these resources.

DOCUMENTS

- [Shepherding Values Overview](#)
- [Empathy \(Love Patiently-Know Thoroughly-Pray Diligently\)](#)
- [Repentance \(Speak Wisely-Direct Biblically\)](#)
- [Applying the Shepherding Values](#)

Introduction to the Shepherding Values [Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. Think about how you naturally respond in shepherding situations. Put these values in order from strongest to weakest for you personally.
 - a. Pray Diligently
 - b. Love Patiently
 - c. Know Thoroughly
 - d. Speak Wisely
 - e. Direct Biblically
2. Use the Shepherding Values Overview to evaluate yourself. Under each value look at the descriptions and identify three where you need to experience growth.

Document: [Shepherding Values Overview](#)

Pray Diligently

[Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. How often do you stop to pray before giving any kind of direction to others? Even when the direction seems obvious, do you seek God's help before depending on your own wisdom?
2. What is your typical mindset on prayer? Do you view prayer as an optional exercise or as a way to show dependence on God?
3. How willing are you to admit when you make mistakes in shepherding? Are you willing to admit your fault, apologize, and move forward?

Love Patiently

[Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. Why is the emphasis on *patiently* a key part of this value?

2. What is one big idea about loving patiently that you may have not considered before?
3. What are the specific ways in which your own assumptions, bias, self-righteousness, and pride hinder your ability to love patiently?

Document to Go Deeper: [*Empathy \(Love Patiently-Know Thoroughly-Pray Diligently\)*](#)

Know Thoroughly

[Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. What is the biggest challenge for you when it comes to knowing thoroughly:
 - a. Listening
 - b. Aiming at the heart
 - c. Asking good questions
 - d. Showing restraint
 - e. Discerning wounds, weakness, willfulness
2. How would going into a shepherding situation assuming that wounds and weakness are driving the response instead of willfulness, change the way you provide care? How would it change the experience for those you are caring for?

Document to Go Deeper: [*Empathy \(Love Patiently-Know Thoroughly-Pray Diligently\)*](#)

Speak Wisely

[Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. What clues might show up in a conversation that let you know you don't have enough information to speak into a situation? How would you respond?
2. What is your greatest hesitation when it comes to speaking wisely?
3. How can both security and humility give you confidence in this area?

Document to Go Deeper: [*Repentance \(Speak Wisely-Direct Biblically\)*](#)

Direct Biblically

[Video Teaching](#)

Questions to ask yourself:

1. In a shepherding situation how often, on a scale of 1 (never) to 10 (always), do you rely on others and bring them in to help you get clarity on the direction you need to provide?
2. Although we use a mixture of grace and truth to provide direction, how do you know which one to lead with?

Document to Go Deeper: [*Repentance \(Speak Wisely-Direct Biblically\)*](#)

Summary Document for Application: [*Applying the Shepherding Values*](#)