Relating to Shepherds

1st Timothy 5:17-25

(series #20)

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B. Some elders lead well and some don't

C. Some elders are vocational and some aren't

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Conclusion: Your spiritual leaders need your prayers!