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Faith – “The Lord is my Shepherd”

- Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd ...” **John 10:11**
- The church is His flock of sheep. **John 10:16; Acts 20:28**
- Jesus said His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. **John 10:27**
- cf. **Romans 10:17**, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- They do not follow strangers. **John 10:5**
- Is Christ your shepherd and are you following Him?

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Assurance – “I shall not want”

- cf. **1 Samuel 17:32-37** David challenging Goliath.
- Results from teaching. **Psalms 37:23-25; Matthew 6:33**
- God will supply our needs. **Matthew 7:7-8; Hebrews 13:5-6; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**
- **Hebrews 10:22**, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”

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Contentment – “He maketh me to lie down in green pastures”

- **1 Timothy 6:6**, “But godliness with contentment is great gain.” cf. **verses 7-8; Philippians 4:11-13**
- Failing to be satisfied leads to other sins:
 - Covetousness. **Luke 12:13-15**
 - Envy, jealousy, and strife.

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Peace – “He leadeth me beside the still waters”

- Restless and troubled waters are dangerous. cf. **Mark 4:36-41**
- The still quiet waters are peaceful and safe. **Mark 4:38**
- Jesus is our “Prince of Peace.” cf. **Isaiah 9:6**
- Peace is valuable. **Philippians 4:7; Matthew 5:9; Romans 14:19; 1 Peter 3:10-12; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:1-4**

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Peace – “He leadeth me beside the still waters”

Not peace at any price!

- Put on the whole armor of God. **Ephesians 6:10**
- “Fight the good fight of faith.” **1 Timothy 6:12**
- Realize it is a spiritual battle. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**
- Contend earnestly for the faith. **Jude 3**
- Seek peace from above. **James 3:17**
- Serious consequences. **Matthew 10:34**

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