

**Proverbs 27:23 NKJV** Be diligent to know the state of your flocks, *And* attend to your herds;

**A-** If you were to sum up this proverb in one word, what would that word be?

1. **AWARENESS:** *This is about Awareness-*
2. What about Awareness? ...Who is this written to?
  - a. AWARENESS IS THE JOB OF A SHEPHERD. (Pastors need to be aware)
3. As a man of God/Disciples/Pastor: According to the passage: What should you be aware of?
  - a. PEOPLE:
    - i. Visitors: Can you identify? Do you notice?
    - ii NC's: Who's coming, who's missing
    - iii Fringe: Those on the outskirts
    - iv Established: Who's missing and why?
  - b. Side note: Who is connecting and why?

**B-** Important to keep a balance-

1. **Celebrate** the good things, highlight the good things
2. **NOTE** the negative things, make a mental file
3. Aware of the worst, but expect the best-
  - a. WHY? Your Focus matters... focus creates a narrative in your head.
    - i. I hear frustrated men, angry men, depressed men, anxious men-

**C-** Develop Awareness:

1. Ask God for a Love for people and a Passion for souls.
2. Ask God for a Settled security: I trust God and Believe in people
3. Discipline: Dedicate yourself to becoming aware.