

**“THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD, THE CHURCH;  
Local Church Distinctions - IV”  
Acts 20:17 - 36**

7A. *THE SHEPHERDING OF THE BELIEVER*

*Acts 20:17 – 36*

3B. *BY PRAYER*

*Acts 6:4; 20:36; 1 Cor 3:7*

4B. *BY DISCIPLING*

*Matthew 28:19, 20; 1 Cor 3:6 – 9*

1C. *By Teaching*

*Acts 20:20; 1 Tim 4:13-16; 2 Tim 3:16, 17*

2C. *By Modeling*

*1 Peter 5:2, 3; Hebrews 13:7*

3C. *By Admonishing*

*1 Thes 5:14; Acts 20:31; Titus 1:13*

4C. *By Encouraging*

*1 Thes 5:14*

5C. *By Building Up*

*2 Cor 10:8*

6C. *By Equipping*

*Ephesians 4:11, 12*

7C. *By Entrusting*

*2 Tim 2:2*

*“I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth . . . For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.” 1 Corinthians 3:6, 9 NASB*

The church is not only the household and flock of God, it is also the field and the building of God. It is to grow, bear fruit, and be built up to the glory of God.