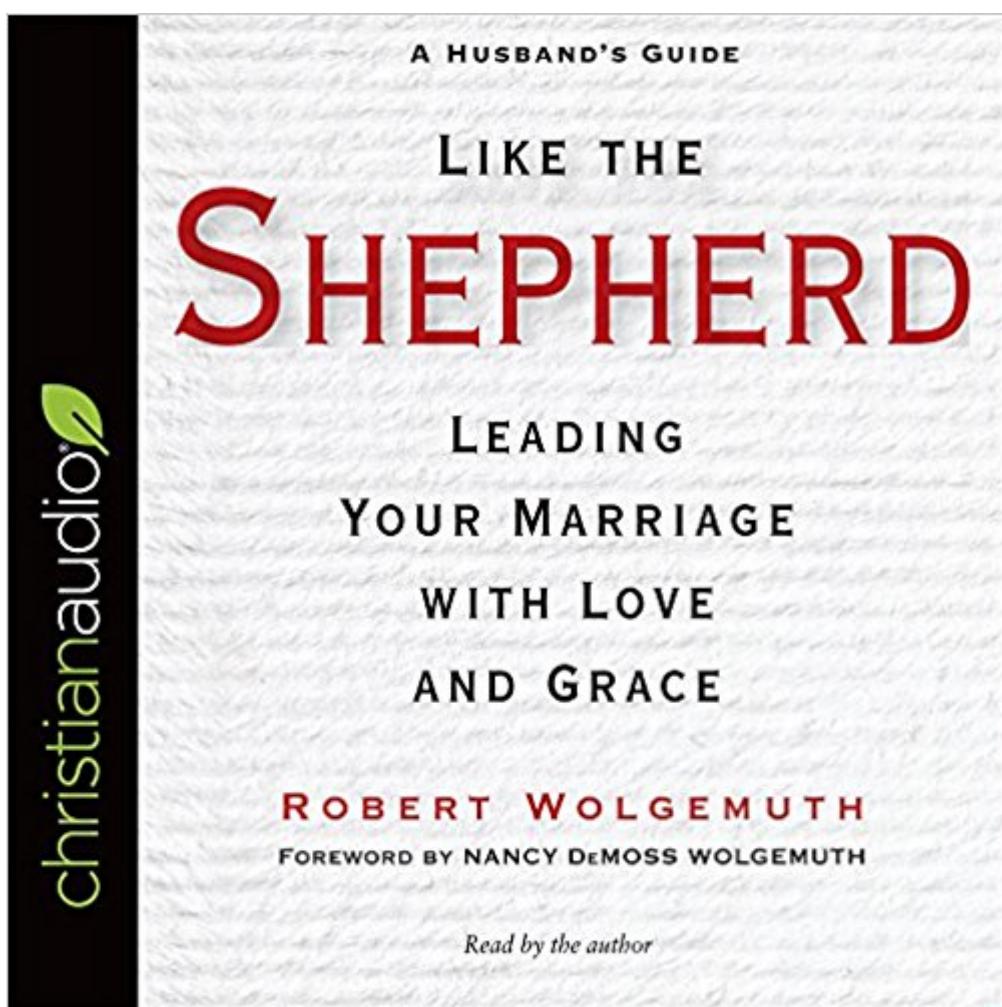


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# Like The Shepherd: Leading Your Marriage With Love And Grace



## **Synopsis**

A husband's God-given responsibility to his wife is to be her shepherd: to love her, serve her, comfort her, protect her, provide for her, sacrifice for her, and lead her. Like the Shepherd guides men on how to embrace the role of shepherd, drawing on the wisdom of the Bible to give men practical, powerful advice on how to take responsibility for their relationships and realize the Christian ideal of a healthy, happy marriage.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A husband is many things to his wife--a lover, a provider, a protector, a best friend. But a shepherd? Believe it or not, yes. With truth, humor, and insight, bestselling author Robert Wolgemuth shows that God calls every husband to be a shepherd, gently leading his wife, serving her, even laying down his life for her. No man is actually qualified for such a role, and if, as a husband, you're not scared to death about this assignment, you probably don't understand its magnitude. That's okay because the secret to being a good shepherd in your marriage is to depend on the Good Shepherd--learning from Him, being led by Him, humbly submitting to Him in everything. The Bible, it turns out, is a pretty comprehensive shepherd's manual. Drawing on the Scriptures as well as decades of his own experience as a husband, Robert offers instruction in the art of shepherding, skillfully showing how a shepherd leads, feeds, comforts, encourages, and protects the woman God has entrusted to him. It's hard and selfless work, and it's the most rewarding thing you'll ever do. Like many other biblical principles, the husband's leadership role in marriage has become

unfashionable. Actually, shepherding has never been considered fashionable. But if you value heroic love and devotion over fad and fashion--and it's a safe bet your wife does--read on. The Good Shepherd is offering His hand...and encouraging you to offer yours. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

As a lover of books, my personal library includes many volumes that have helped to shape me. Some are good. Many are very good. Some I would consider classics. As I'm reading it, I know a book is going to be a classic when I impulsively order ten more copies before I've even finished reading. Yes, Like the Shepherd is that good. Robert Wolgemuth paints a compelling picture of what can happen to a marriage when the husband chooses to lead his wife like the good Shepherd leads His flock. I'm blown away with what Robert has done here, courageously holding up the biblical standard. The story-telling is fabulous. A very easy read, it's the best marriage book I've read in a long, long time. I enthusiastically commend it to you. -- Michael Hyatt, New York Times bestselling author --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

A book to help men understand how to be a good husband according to God's Word written by a man. Very easy reading with many illustrations that men relate to in their lives. Very interesting and helpful for men who want to be all they can be as Christian husband's. It reads like a friend helping a friend to understand God's way to love his wife. Just simple steps on how to be a good husband according to the Word.

Best book on the subject of being the man in relationship I have ever read

The heights to which every man should aspire to attain. I prayerfully pray for the circle of men in my life to yearn to know this truth that is written about.

It was excellent.

The great challenge in marriage is not to love our wives more but to love ourselves less, for it is self-love that generates so much of the strife we experience. To be successful husbands we must continually put to death within us whatever causes us to prioritize ourselves, our own interests, our own comfort, our own good. To do this successfully we need counsel, we need men who can make us aware of our self-love and who can provide examples of selflessness. Robert Wolgemuth is just

such a counselor. He has lots of experience of marriage—forty-five years to Bobbie and, following her death, just over a year to Nancy. He also has a deep sense of the character God calls husbands to pursue and the love he calls them to display. He has written *Like the Shepherd* to serve as a husband's guide to *Leading Your Marriage with Love and Grace*. You can't miss the word *leading* right there in the subtitle, and Wolgemuth addresses it right away: You may not see yourself as a man with leadership skills, he says, but you are still the head of your marriage and your home. That's the message of this book, for to love is to lead and to lead is to love. Yet God calls men to a particular kind of leadership—the kind that is displayed in that great biblical metaphor of the shepherd and his sheep. What could be seen as a demeaning word picture—after all, if the husband is the shepherd his wife must be the sheep—is transformed to a thing of beauty when we acknowledge that God is the great Shepherd of each of us and we are all the sheep of his flock. The husband is a shepherd who is himself a sheep; he is called to shepherd even as he himself is shepherded. The model for us in our marriages is Jesus' relationship to us. He is our Shepherd. He is our Leader. This Shepherd led as a servant and so, too, must we. The heart of the book is an extended unpacking of the shepherd motif as it pertains to husbands. Just as a shepherd knows his sheep, so, too, a husband must have a deep, intimate knowledge of his wife. As husbands—shepherds—our job is to win the chance to gently lead, to fight for the chance to woo our sheep with humility and kindness. Just as a shepherd learns to effectively communicate with his sheep, so a husband must learn to speak with love and patience and grace. We are not wranglers. We are shepherds. Good shepherds. Just as a shepherd leads his sheep, a husband must lead his wife, for not every man is a natural-born leader, but every husband is called to headship. A shepherd also satisfies his sheep, he comforts it, feeds it, encourages it, and ensures its needs are met. You are your wife's shepherd. You lovingly know, speak to, satisfy, lead, protect, comfort, feed, encourage, meet the needs of, and pastor your lamb. And together, you and your wife prepare yourselves to be the Good Shepherd's precious bride, looking forward to the wedding of all weddings, when our Bridegroom will come to claim us as His own. Like many husbands, I lament the ways I've too often loved myself and failed to love my wife. I lament how I've loved and led for my own good instead of hers. I long to grow in this, to love her in just the way God calls me to. I have had godly counselors in the past, men who have exemplified just such a love. But I am eager for more and for that reason I thoroughly enjoyed this book and its exploration of the notion of

the husband as shepherd. It is a rich image that provides great fodder for meditation and great scope for imagination. And I think Wolgemuth was just the man to write it, for the circumstances in his life prepared him for the task. There is something about having loved and lost that adds a poignancy and urgency to his words, and something about having loved again that adds a freshness and excitement. In the introduction he says, "My hope is that my prayer is that this book will help you on your way to a goal that you and I grasp in unison: that you'd grow to be more like Christ and that your marriage will be strengthened." I'd like to think that has been the case with me.

In recent years, volumes have been written on how Christian women might glorify God by loving their husbands, many of those flowing from the heart of Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and women impacted by her ministry, Revive Our Hearts. Now, Nancy's husband Robert Wolgemuth shares Biblical wisdom gleaned from decades of loving and living with his first wife Bobbie, who died of cancer, and now his new love, Nancy. Robert writes with experience and conviction, encouraging husbands to be for their wives the loving, gentle shepherd she desires as he leads, protects, and serves her as Christ does His bride, the Church. Mr. Wolgemuth's writing style is conversational and readable, and many men will enjoy the sports, car, and other "guy" lore tucked into this well-crafted guidebook for husbands desiring to lead their wives with passion and purpose. He writes with tenderness and transparency, inviting readers into some of the most sacred moments in his life, that the body of Christ might benefit as men learn to love their wives "Like the Shepherd". I received a free copy of this book as a gift for participating on the launch team, but I seriously could not be more pleased with the volume I now hold in my hands. It is a tool that could be used very well in men's Bible studies, marital counseling, or a variety of other settings. I highly recommend it for married men, men who may marry in the future, or anyone who teaches or counsels men with the privilege of leading a marriage with love and grace.

Review written by Heather Pottebaum, from reading an advance copy of book: Like the Shepherd by Robert Wolgemuth explores biblically how a husband is to relate to his wife. This book helps a husband reflect on the various aspects of his calling as a shepherd, encouraging and guiding him in this noble calling to be a picture of Jesus in the marriage portrait. Reading and reviewing the book reminded me of what a wonderful husband the Lord has given me to. It has also encouraged me to be more of an encourager of my husband. The chapters are short, which I think will encourage men to keep moving along in the book. A chapter can be read in 15 to 20 minutes. The book is an

excellent complement to the materials Mr. Wolgemuth's wife Nancy has written for women. I am receiving a free copy for being on the Launch Team of the book, nonetheless, I wouldn't give it five stars if I didn't think it merited them. The book would make a nice engagement and wedding gift.

Perhaps it was the timing and the need in my own life, but this book has been life changing to me. It's possible to be a fairly good husband but miss the calling to shepherd your wife. A wife who is led like the good Shepherd leads us will feel protected, content, cared for, and deeply loved. Robert has reminded us-through words on a page but more by the testimony of over 4 decades of marriage-that this is our task. If you dive deep into this book your wife, and the Lord, will be forever grateful. For you will be representing HIM well. So grateful.

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