

Key Statements by Herbert Armstrong on Abuse

“The CHURCH must not be scattered. It must not become scattered, because there is no COMPETENT, CHRIST-CHOSEN SPIRITUAL SHEPHERD, TO BECOME MEAT FOR BEASTS (human) OF THE FIELD! (See Ezekiel 34).”

- Herbert W Armstrong, *Co-Worker Letter*,
19 March 1981.

“But Satan seems to tempt a minister more than the lay member...

Power can be misused and it can be very destructive and very damaging. Or it can be very good if it's used properly. Now God is not going to entrust us with the great POWER of all his glory until we have the CHARACTER to use it like God would use it.”

- Herbert W Armstrong, *What is Christ doing?*
24 April 1982 (sermon).

But now I do feel we must seriously consider God's warning message to our nations and to the ministry of HIS CHURCH through Ezekiel. This is of CRISIS importance right now...”

"But [even though you did not seek to locate the lost house of Israel, you were ministers AMONG THEM, unknown to yourselves, and] **with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered [spiritually into many sects and denominations]** because there is no shepherd... my flock was scattered upon all the face. of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.

"Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD... Thus saith the Lord — ETERNAL; **Behold I am against the shepherds [be careful this does not apply to any of you]**; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall "the shepherds feed themselves any more...”

"For thus saith the Lord ETERNAL; Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out [at Christ's second coming].”

- “Now God speaks to you Ministers,” *Good News*, Oct-Nov 1979, pp. 4, 6).