

1. Formed a survival group + took care of everyone
2. Enforced the safety rules even when it made him disliked by some
3. Pulled Daryl off Rick instead of letting Daryl attack him
4. Genuinely wanted to know Rick would be back and safe
5. Attempted to keep Carl from worrying about Rick while Rick was gone
6. Beat up Carol's husband after he attempted to physically assault her + might have gone 'too far' except the man was a consistent abusive threat to everyone's safety, threatened only to kill Carol's husband if Ed put his hands on Carol, her little girl, or anyone else
7. Was the first to approach Jim to see if Jim was okay + implement safety measures and personally see to Jim during his sunstroke
8. Stood up to defend Rick when Andrea pulled a gun on him
9. Vetoes Daryl's desire to pickaxe the still-alive-but-bitten Jim + dead Amy, despite being the one who's usually efficient, because it's cruel
10. Adheres to Rick's 'we don't kill the living' philosophy /unless/ the threat is immediate and necessary
11. Tries to talk Rick out of driving 100+ miles to the CDC – in a slightly underhanded way, granted, but with nothing inherently wrong in his presentation
12. Is in the middle of a heated emotional moment, distraught by Rick implying he would care differently if it were his family, but still snaps into immediate teamwork with Rick under threat
13. Seriously considers shooting Rick when Rick walks into his crosshairs but stops himself (does try to lie his way out of it to Dale, though)
14. Struggles with the concept of leaving Jim behind even though Jim wants it
15. When in a group, is always keeping an eye on the people in the back and making sure they're safe while Rick is always up ahead
16. Did NOT callously leave Rick to die but did literally everything in his power to save Rick and genuinely thought Rick was dead, and /still/ blocked the door to Rick's room to keep him from being eaten by zombies
17. Gets the others irritated when he presses the CDC doctor to know what happened while they're celebrating, but he wants answers and honestly I would, too.
18. Gets completely drunk and tries to force himself on Lori, major docking points, but does leave when he snaps out of it
19. Is the one who finally does something about the crazy doctor and threatens to shoot him even though the others are trying to be more peaceable (IN SHORT: Shane is action-oriented while Rick is inspirational speech-oriented)

SEASON TWO

1. Offers to distract Andrea and show her how to clean and put a gun back together
2. Finds water
3. Grabs Glenn and shoves him under a car before the zombies arrive
4. Points out that Rick wasn't thinking like a scared child + reassures Rick that they're going to find Sophia

5. Reassures Carol that Sophia is going to be all right
6. Keeps everyone calm and focused on work while Rick and Daryl go looking for Sophia
7. Respects Lori's wishes that he keep away from Carl which, let's be honest, has got to hurt + be hard as he's in love with Lori and loves Carl like his own kid
8. Intercedes between Dale and Andrea, takes Dale's wiser side
9. Helps Rick in dealing with Carol + keeps people from doubting Rick
10. Explains truthfully to Lori that he's trying to be the good guy and keep distance and leave so she + Rick + Carl can be a family in spite of how much it hurts him
11. Is obviously proud of Carl for approaching the deer
12. In flashback we see him tell Lori that Rick getting injured was his fault and take the blame for it, even though it was really nobody's fault + offers to tell Carl with Lori instead of leaving her to do it alone, is subsequently moved to tears when he sees Lori telling Carl
13. Is clearly in enormous distress when Carl is accidentally shot by someone
14. Cleans the shocked Rick up + focuses on and comforts him despite being in distress himself
15. Pins Carl to the bed as Herschel removes the bullets (I SWEAR WATCHING SHANE DEAL WITH CARL BEING SHOT IS MORE PAINFUL THAN WATCHING RICK BECAUSE SHANE CAN'T SHOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH HE CARES ABOUT CARL AND HAS TO DEAL WITH IT ALONE)
16. "You need to be here, for your son. Even if he didn't need your blood, there is no way I'd let you walk out that door. I'd break your legs if you tried, you know that, right? ...If he slipped away while you were gone, you would never forgive yourself for that. And neither would Lori."
17. Volunteers to go into zombie territory to get the supplies Carl needs to survive and is fully expecting to go alone before someone volunteers to join him
18. OUTRIGHT LEAVES OTIS FOR THE ZOMBIES SO HE CAN GET THE STUFF BACK TO CARL WOW which, while a wretched thing to do, was genuinely the only way he was going to get back to save Carl as it was pretty clear Otis was never going to make it
19. Advocates teaching everyone how to use guns, not just withhold guns from them
20. Was going to leave without Lori's permission to stay
21. "You turn off the switch. The switch, the one that makes you scared or angry or sympathetic or whatever. You don't think, you just, you act. Cuz odds are somebody else is counting you, who's your partner. Who's your friend. And there ain't nothing easy about taking a man's life no matter how little value it may have. But when you get it done, you have to forget it. I guess I haven't quite got that last part down yet, so." "But you're getting there." "I hope so."
22. Feels they should stop looking for Sophia because it's spreading the group thinner and could get people killed, especially when she's likely dead – he points out that when they were in law enforcement, after 72 two hours you were looking for a child's body, not a living child, and that was /before/ the zombie apocalypse
23. "All I care about now in this world is you and Carl, so I apologize if I appear to be insensitive to the needs of others. You see I'll do whatever it takes to keep the two of you safe."
24. "Shane is the best instructor I know. I've seen him teach kids younger than Carl."
25. Teaches Andrea how to shoot a moving target, gets heated and uses Andrea's younger sister to rattle her, but apologizes immediately and asks her to be his backup in searching for Sophia
26. Andrea: You're a real dick sometimes. Shane: Yeah, I acknowledge that.
27. Calmly talks Andrea through clearing her jammed gun in the middle of a zombie attack + uses the attack as a way to boost her confidence

28. Threatens Dale when Dale accuses him of being the kind of man who would gun down his best friend (to be honest I love the moments when Shane is a little Unhinged™ but that doesn't mean he does great decision-making in those times)
29. Advocates killing the walkers in the barn because it's a stone's throw from where they sleep and it's not safe
30. Points out that he has saved Lori and Carl's lives 4+ times while Rick has never once
31. Is (justly) enraged but calms down when Carl wants to talk to him + tells Carl not to swear
32. "This is where you belong, Shane." "How's that, now?" "This world. The way it is now. This is where you belong."
33. Has his life threatened by Dale but does not retaliate
34. Gets angry at the concept of trying to keep zombies 'safe' and treat them like 'sick people'
35. Breaks open the barn so they can kill the zombies
36. Is the one who runs forward and pulls Beth free from her zombie mother
37. Tries to soothe + take care of Carol when he sees her walking in shock
38. Goes after Lori who drove off to find Rick (like an idiot) and finds her post-car accident; DOES lie to her to get her back to the Farm. Lying is bad but also Lori has proved that she will revert to doing idiotic things that could get her killed otherwise
39. Shane points out that the fact they brought a live enemy back means they're in danger
40. Tries to kill the gang member so he won't lead the rest of the gang back to the farm where everyone else is
41. Tells Rick he doesn't think Rick can keep the rest of them safe (honestly agreed)
42. Considers locking the dissenting members of the group in a room while they take care of business, says he wants nobody to get hurt, even Dale
43. Finds Carl talking to the gang member and flips out because Carl could have been hurt but handles the situation + Carl with empathy
44. Even though he never got along with Dale is distressed when Dale is attacked by a walker
45. Consistently does the right thing by Carl
46. Tells Rick that Carl needs to talk to him, even when Rick tries to brush it off and have Carl talk to Lori instead
47. Kills Randal to protect the group
48. Plans to take Rick out and murder him. He has a very 'for the good of the group' mentality and the thing is, it would be easy to write his actions off as selfish and not getting 'what he wants,' except that continually we have seen that what he /wants/ is for the group – especially Carl and Lori – to survive, and Rick has created chaos where before Shane had order. Murder is bad, killing is bad. But Shane's motives are the same motives I would be agreeing with if I were in that situation, although I wouldn't have chosen to kill Rick.