



## SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 13:7, 17-19, 22-25 (NAS)

Topic: "Church Leader's Responsibilities"

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- 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.
- 17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
- 18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.
- 19 And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.
- 22 But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.
- 23 Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you.
- 24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.
- 25 Grace be with you all.

### **I. DIRECTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

- A. From The Business World?
- B. From The Bible

### **II. GOD'S LEADERS**

- A. Plurality Of Leaders
- B. Titles Given To Those Who Lead
  - 1. Overseers *1 Timothy 3:1-2*
  - 2. Elders *Titus 1:5,7; Acts 20:17,28*
  - 3. Shepherds (Pastors) *Ephesians 4:11*
  - 4. All Three Titles Refer To Same Office *1 Peter 5:1-2*
- C. Lead By Example (A Great Source Of Influence) *1 Timothy 3; Titus 3*
- D. Be Gifted To Teach
- E. Be Willing To Deal With Problems
- F. Pay Attention To His Own Walk *Psalms 1:1-2; 1 Timothy 4:16*

- 1. Regular meditation on the Word *Acts 20:28*
- 2. Keeping Accounts current (conscience clear)

- G. Be Strong In The Lord *Ephesians 6:10*
- H. Seeking Wisdom From The Lord *James 1:5*
- I. Willing To Suffer For Righteousness *II Timothy 1:8; Matthew 5:11-12*

### **III. LEADERS AS SHEPHERDS**

- A. They Are Called To Be Relational *Matthew 22:37, 39*
- B. They Are Called To Keep Watch
- C. They Are Called To Reprove, Rebuke, Reclaim Sheep
- D. They Are Called To Give Emphasis To The Grace Of God