



SERMON NOTES

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

Topic: "Response to the Church Leaders"

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- 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. STRUGGLES WITH OBEDIENCE

A. We All Struggle With Authority

1. Wives to husbands
2. Children to parents
3. To government authority

B. The Denial Of Absolutes Compounds The Problem

C. This Struggle Exists Within The Church As Well

II. GOD'S CALL TO OBEY AND SUBMIT

A. Obey – Is A Call To Follow Directions Or Commands

B. Submit—Points To The Attitude With Which It Is Done

III. WHY SHOULD YOU OBEY?

A. God Commands It In His Word

B. God Designed The Plurality Of Leaders *Acts 14:23; 20:17; Titus 1:5*

C. Follow Leaders In Obedience To God's Word *Acts 17:11*

D. In Failing To Do So, You Break Your Membership Vows

IV. REASONS FOR OBEDIENCE

A. Failure To Obey Is To Your Own Hurt

B. Obedience Brings Joy To Your Leaders *III John 4*

V. OBEY EVEN WHEN IT IS DIFFICULT

A. Check It Against God's Word

B. Let The Word Of God Mold Your Heart

C. Make Preparations To Hear God's Word

D. Submit To His Word In Your Heart

VI. PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS

A. Paul's Example

B. They Keep Watch Over Your Soul

C. Pray for Clear Conscience

D. Pray For Accurate Teaching Of God's Word

E. Pray For Leaders To Be Alert To Needs Of God's People