

Superior: Hebrews Leadership

Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. (1 Tim. 3:1)

- **Look to your leaders as examples to follow** – “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7)

☛ **Never follow a leader who isn't following THE Leader** – “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Cor. 11:1)

- **Listen to your leaders as authorities to shepherd** – “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you (your souls) as men who must give an account.” (Heb. 13:17a)

Four motivations of a bad shepherd – “Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers...” (1 Peter 5:1-4)

- **Obligation** – “...not because you must...”
- **Greed** – “...not greedy for money...”
- **Power** – “...not lording it over those entrusted to you...”
- **Human praise** – “And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”

♀ **Being a burden to them is of no benefit to you** – “Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Heb. 13:17b)

Three ways you can bless your leaders...

- **Pray** – “Pray for us.” (Heb. 13:18)
- **Respect** – “Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.” (1 Thes. 5:12-13)
- **Serve** – “It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service...” (Eph. 4:11-12)

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20-21)