



Looking to Jesus

Part 61
“Soul Care”
Hebrews 13:17

THE MEASURE

OF A

LEADER




Obeey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

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do
what
they say

When spiritual leaders
speak words of counsel and
teach, they must speak
only the truth of Scripture.

“It is not right that we should give up
preaching the word of God to serve tables . . .
But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to
the ministry of the word.” Acts 6:2b-4



“Keep watch” (agrypneo) = “Keep oneself awake, be awake.” The imagery is of leaders keeping awake nights in their concern for their people. (Expositors Bible Commentary)

Concerned . . . for the marriages
. . . for the children
. . . for the priority of the gospel
. . . for the Body of Christ
. . . that the Truth be delivered
. . . for the glory of God

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 1 Timothy 4:1-4

The pastors of the church exercise the very authority of Christ when they preach, teach, and apply Scripture (1 Thess. 5:12, 13). (MacArthur)

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock that the Holy Spirit has appointed you to as overseers, to shepherd the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Acts 20:28, 29