

The Chief Shepherd and Undershepherds

Hebrews 13:17-25

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Hebrews 13:22 I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. 23 You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. 24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. 25 Grace be with all of you.

1. Never stop _____ to God's Word.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. 18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. 19 I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

2. God's heart is for the _____.

3. It is _____ that His children are led by godly, pastoral leadership in churches.

4. Our _____ should be toward trusting and supporting the pastor's leadership.

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, 21 equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

5. God gives you _____ you need to do His will.

Church Leadership —

Verses:

1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9 & 1 Peter 5:1-5

Books:

"Biblical Eldership" by Strauch

"Church Elders" by Rinne

Teachings:

5/23/21 – "An Exhortation to the Elders"

10/7/18 – "The Expectations of a Pastor"

1/18/14 – "Leading Strong"

3/24/12 – "Dying to Lead"

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you from this teaching?

2. Does your conduct give your leaders reason to report joyfully about you?

3. Why is it important to submit with joy?

4. What things have the pastors asked us (as a church) to submit in?

5. How can we cultivate a heart of obedience and submission to the pastors?

6. Why do church leaders especially need prayer? Please pray for the church leaders.

7. What part of the closing benediction was the most encouraging to you?