

Obedient To Our



“Leaders in God’s Church: Spiritual Maturity”

Heavenly Calling

Acts 20:13-27
PART 52

INTRODUCTION

- God’s leaders: “elders” and “overseers”

+ emphasis on spiritual maturity

+ emphasis on spiritual function

SIDEBAR: *church government*

1 Tim. 3:1, 8; 1 Pet. 5:1-2

- requirement for any maturity: serve the Lord

1 Thess. 2:4; Gal. 1:10

1. Humbled by sin

1 Cor. 3:5-7; 15:9

2. Engaged with people

1 Cor. 2:3; 1 Thess. 2:7-8

3. Willing to pay the price

- promise of affliction

Acts 9:16; 20:22-23

- Paul’s conscious choice

Gal. 2:20; 2 Tim. 4:7; Acts 20:24; Jn. 12:24

4. Fidelity to the task

- the watchman on the wall

Acts 20:20-21, 26-27; Ezk. 33:7-9

- the current famine in our land

Amos 8:11

CONCLUSION