

INTRODUCTION:

1. THE APOSTLE COMMANDED BELIEVERS TO OBEY AND SUBMIT TO THEIR ELDERS (13:17a).

2. THE APOSTLE GAVE TWO REASONS FOR HIS COMMAND (13:17b).

a. The elders' *responsibilities* for the souls of Christ's congregation (13:17b).

(1) *They watch for your souls*

(2) *They must give account for their watch*

b. The believers' spiritual wellbeing (13:17c).

(1) *The congregation's duty to its elders.*

(2) *The consequences of neglecting or rejecting that duty.*

CONCLUSION: