

“O! For the Joy of Ministry!”

Portrait of Our Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 13:17
part 56

INTRODUCTION

- misunderstanding of pastoral leadership

1. *The responsibility of God’s leaders*

- a. gift *v.* responsibility

Eph. 4:11

“We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, the world of sports or modern education. We are not diplomats but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.”
– A.W. Tozer

- b. a leader’s ‘offensive’ responsibility

1 Pet. 5:1-2
Lk. 22:33-34, 59-62; Jn. 21:4-7, 15-17

Eph. 4:12; Acts 6:4

- c. a leader’s ‘defensive’ responsibility

Eph. 6:18; Mk. 13:33; Lk. 21:36
Acts 20:28-31

- d. attitudes in fulfilling that responsibility

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Mk. 10:41-45; Rom. 12:8

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“Remember, you are God’s sword, His instrument, a trusted and chosen vessel unto Him to bear His name. In great measure, according to the purity and perfection of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talent God blesses so much as likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.”

– Robert Murray McCheyne

2. *The responsibility of God’s people*

- “obey”

Rom. 2:8; Gal. 3:1; 5:7
1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17

- heavy weight of accountability

Jms. 3:1

3. *The joy for God’s leaders*

- leadership *grief*

Ex. 17:1-3; Nu. 20:2-6

- leadership *JOY*

CONCLUSION