

# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

13:17

## I. \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 17

A. Submission involves two key areas: Vs 17a

1. \_\_\_\_\_-be persuaded and trust
2. \_\_\_\_\_-yield to the authority and admonition

B. To those in \_\_\_\_\_ authority in the local church

1. Pastors represent \_\_\_\_\_

a. They are called of God to lead-"rule over you"

[1] They are to lead by \_\_\_\_\_ 1Timothy 3:1-7

[2] They are to lead by \_\_\_\_\_

[a] 2 Timothy 4:1-2

[b] 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

[c] 2 Timothy 3:~~24-26~~ 14-17

b. They are to be concerned for your \_\_\_\_\_ well-being-"watch for your souls"

c. "If they are faithful to care for your soul and teach you the Word, you have the responsibility to obey. A spiritual leader is not a dictator who drives you from behind. He is a shepherd who goes before and leads the way." **Warren Wiersbe**

d. "Only when its leadership is right can a congregation be right. They will never be perfect or infallible, but godly men are Christ's instruments for leading and shepherding His people. They have the right to lead the congregation and to make decisions for them in the Lord, and they are to be respected, loved, and followed in the Lord." **John MacArthur**

e. "God's design for the church is simple. The godly are to be in leadership. They rule, they teach, they admonish, they set the example. They are chosen because they are especially submissive to the Lord. The rest of the church therefore is to submit to them, in respect, honor, and love. They are accountable to the Lord for their leadership, and the rest are accountable to the Lord for submitting to and respecting that leadership. If we do not follow and honor those who have rightful leadership in the church, we not only frustrate and inhibit their fruitfulness but our own as well. We cannot properly serve the Lord if we do not properly respect godly leaders." **John MacArthur**

f. "The obedience and submission enjoined are not blind subjection to authority. True guides teach the Word of God, to which believers are to bring everything to the test." **W. E. Vine**

2. Pastors are \_\_\_\_\_ to God (The Flock is also accountable Rom 14:10-12)

a. Pastors are to care for the spiritual well-being of the flock 3 John, 2-5

[1] Rule-\_\_\_\_\_ and leadership

[2] Watch for your souls-\_\_\_\_\_ your spiritual growth and maturity for the spiritual benefit of the believer

b. Pastors are \_\_\_\_\_ by those who oppose the work of God by opposing themselves Galatians 1:6-7

[1] How Sheep (Christians) oppose the Lord's work

[a] Unwillingness to \_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual food provided by the shepherd (pastor) James 1:22-25

[b] Unwillingness to \_\_\_\_\_ the shepherd's leading 2 Tim. 2:24-25

- [c] Unwillingness to give their \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of God 6:12; 1 Cor 15:58
  - Through laziness, half-heartedness, and/or procrastination Psalm 119:59-60; Deut 23:21
  - Through lack of \_\_\_\_\_ 10:25
- [d] Unwillingness to keep their eyes and heart on \_\_\_\_\_ 12:1-2
- [e] Unwillingness to \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of their testimony for Christ 12:3-4

II. ILLUSTRATION:

A. THE LOCAL CHURCH GOVERNMENT AS COMMANDED IN \_\_\_\_\_:

1. \_\_\_\_\_=THE HEAD AND CHIEF SHEPHERD

Eph 1:22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,  
 Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.  
 Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:  
 Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.



2. THE PASTOR=DIRECTLY \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE HEAD AND CHIEF SHEPHERD

1 Timothy 3: 1 This saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. (Necessary qualifications laid down by Christ)  
 Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.  
 1Co 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.  
 1Pe 5:2-3 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.



3. THE \_\_\_\_\_=DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE UNDER SHEPHERD

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, (those who shepherded you in the past) who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.  
 Php 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.  
 1Th 5:12-13 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.  
 2Th 3:14 If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed.  
 1Ti 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

B. THE ONLY CHURCH ORDER THAT GOD CAN \_\_\_\_\_, AND TO GO CONTRARY TO IT IS TO GO \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S PLAN OF BLESSING