

# "RESPONSIBILITY TO LEADERS"

Hebrews 13:17-19

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## **Leaders in the Church (17)**

The *identity* of these leaders

The *role* of these leaders

Shepherding

Spiritual oversight

The *accountability* of these leaders

## **Responsibility to Church Leaders (17a)**

Obey them

Submit to them

## **Taking the Sting out of Submission (18)**

For the church—praying for leaders (18a)

For Leaders (18b)

Having a clear conscience

Living an honorable life

# Family Life Groups

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**Main Idea:** Because Christ has delegated His authority to under-shepherds, He wants us to be obedient and submissive to them.

1. It is not natural to submit...to anyone. The tendency of our sinful nature (the nature that dominated us before we put our faith in Christ) is to resist, challenge, defy, and rebel. How, then, is it possible to “joyfully” obey and submit to our spiritual leaders?

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2. How do you apply this passage when you disagree with a decision your spiritual leaders make, or the direction they are leading you or the church to go?

Is there a place where it’s okay to “draw the line” and refuse to obey and submit?

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3. Consistently and earnestly praying for your pastors/elders is the most loving, the most powerful, and the most beneficial thing you can do for them. List some of the things your leaders need prayer for. Is there a time in your busy schedule when you can specifically pray for them?

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