

Life in the Father's House

A Member's Guide to the Local Church

Lesson #4 "Relating to Church Leadership"

Read Chapter Four and answer the following questions from pages 73-94.

Hebrews 13:17 "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

- 1) What are the two extreme responses to church leadership?

- 2) What is a leader to avoid in the use of their authority?

- 3) What is the meaning of the word "obey" in **Hebrews 13:17**?

- 4) What are the three questions we should ask ourselves regarding obedience our church leaders?

- 5) Why do we often resist obeying our church leaders?

- 6) "Not only are we _____ by Scripture to _____ the dogmatic _____ of our leaders, we are _____ commanded to _____ very _____ the _____ they have to offer."

- 7) What does it mean that we are to submit in the "active verb" to our church leaders?

- 8) List the three marks that characterize Biblical submission to leadership?
- 9) What should be the basis of our submission to our church leaders?
- 10) “We can _____ with our leaders on various _____ without creating _____, as long as we _____ our opinions with a _____ humility and graciousness.”
- 11) When we resist the authority of our leaders on unbiblical grounds, whose authority are we really resisting?
- 12) Why is it important to recognize the authority in the local church?
- 13) What is the third command in **Hebrews 13:17**?
- 14) List nine ways a Christian can bring joy to their pastor?
- 15) List some ways (not from the book) that we grieve our godly leaders?
- 16) Based on **Hebrews 13:17**, why should we not grieve our leaders?