

THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU
Spiritual Leadership Is God's Will

- I. **For every believer there are, "them which have the rule over you, them which are over you in the Lord"-Hb13:7-Remember them which have the rule over you (lead, official authority), who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. ¹⁷Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is **unprofitable** (gainless, detrimental) for you-**1Th5:12**-We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves**
- A. Nobody is supposed to be controlling you-These people have official authority to lead you NOT to control you
- B. For many Christians this is a foreign concept-Many are ignorant of this, many do not have this, many think they don't need this
- C. Conform your life to The Word-If you believe the Bible you believe you need leadership; If you don't believe you do, you don't believe these scriptures-**Ps33:4**-The word of The Lord is right
- II. **Leadership is God's idea and it's executed by the Holy Ghost-The Holy Spirit has carried out the will of God since Genesis 1-Ac20:28-Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (one in charge) to feed (tend) the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**
- A. The Holy Spirit is deciding who is the overseer and who is in the flock that the overseer oversees-Flock and overseer is God's will
- B. God joins you to leadership-He's called and anointed them to lead you and He will work through them to lead you-**Jr3:15**-I will give you pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding
- C. This leadership is for your profit/good-If you don't submit to and follow them, it'll be unprofitable for you-**Hb13:17**
- III. **To God leadership is not optional so who is overseeing you?-You should be able to name names (Pray and ask The Lord to shows us who are leaders are)**
- A. You are supposed to be following someone; you are not fine on your own-He could have said just follow Jesus, but He didn't-**2Th3:7**-Yourselves know how you ought to follow us-**1Co11:1**-Follow me as I follow Christ