

**THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU**  
Spiritual Leaders or The Holy Spirit?

- I. Many think that we don't need leadership because we have the Holy Spirit**
- A. You don't need a teacher to know if something is a truth or lie because The Spirit of truth abides in you and He will guide you into all the truth-1Jn2:26-These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. <sup>27</sup>*But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him-Jn16:13-Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth*
- B. God gave you teachers, leaders, pastors, people He put over you so you obviously need leadership because God gave it to you and said know them, obey them, submit to them, follow them, esteem them-Ep4:11-And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; <sup>12</sup>For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ-Hb13:7-Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. <sup>17</sup>Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves-1Th5:12-We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake-Jr3:15-I will give you pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding
- C. Where did God say we don't need leaders because we have the Holy Spirit-You have all these verses that say you need leaders and one misinterpreted verse that many think says you don't need leaders
- II. Everything you need in your Christian life won't come directly from the Holy Spirit to you. There are some things God has ordained that you will ONLY get through the leaders He has hooked you to (and you'll get them no other way)**
- A. If all the leading you were going to get was directly through the Holy Spirit, God wouldn't have gave you leaders-Many pretend they don't need leadership and they can get everything they need directly from the HS
- III. Overcorrection-Years ago people were too dependent on their leaders and now people think they don't need leaders (From one ditch to another)**
- A. The number one thing I would credit my spiritual development and health is the things God has minister to me through the leaders He has hooked me to-Sitting under their ministries