THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU

Lead & Feed

- I. God uses leaders to lead you-Hb13:7-Remember them which have the <u>RULE</u> over you (lead), who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith <u>FOLLOW</u>, considering the end of their conversation. ¹⁷Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: FOR they watch for your souls...
 - A. <u>Following a godly leader you'll end up in a good place</u>-**Ps23,Mt15:14**-If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.
 - 1. Leading involves protection and protection comes as you follow (A shepherds job is to protect the sheep)-Leaders are a God-ordained line of protection for us-Hb13:17-CJ-Keep watch over your lives-REM-They...protect you from danger and assist you in growth
 - 2. <u>Correction is involved in leadership-You receive correction and</u> make adjustments so you don't end up in trouble-**1Th5:12**-We beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish (caution, reprove, warn) you
 - 3. <u>They are supernaturally anointed by God to lead-They'll see dangers</u> you don't not because they are smarter or more spiritual but because of the anointing (Like a parent and child)
 - 4. Too often too many of my people think they know better than their leader-They are anointed to know and see stuff you don't
- II. God uses leaders to feed you-Hb13:7-Spoken the word of God to you-Ac20:28-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-1Pt5:1-The elders which are among...²Feed the flock of God-Jr3:15-I will give you pastors according to my heart which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding
 - A. <u>Feeding affects:</u>
 - 1. Spiritual strength-Strong to fight and serve-1Tm4:6, Pr24:10
 - 2. Perfecting and equipping-To fulfill your calling-2Tm3:16-17, Ep4:11
 - 3. Faith-This is connected to you walking in victory-Rm10:17,1Jn5:4
 - B. <u>You can't be FULLY fed on your own</u>-God has ordained that a portion of your feeding will come only through your leaders
 - C. <u>They are anointed by God to feed you</u>-They'll minister things to you that you don't get in your personal time because of the anointing
- III. Without being submitting to and following the leaders God has hooked you to you miss out on the full measure of leading and feeding you're supposed to be getting; As a result, many Christians are not in a good place, they're vulnerable, weak, underdeveloped, ill equipped for life, faithless
 - A. By following the ones God has hooked you to, you become something-Mt4:19-Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men