

THEM THAT ARE OVER YOU

Submit Yourselves

- I. **We are to follow, obey and submit to our leaders-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. ¹⁷OBEY them that have the rule over you, and SUBMIT yourselves
- II. **The nature of the flesh is to rebel-Ep2:2**-Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of DISOBEDIENCE (obstinate, rebellious): ³Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh
- A. The flesh wants to be boss-It finds submission repulsive and does not like this idea of leadership; It wants to do what it wants and doesn't want to submit to the will of another
- B. God's will is that you have spiritual leaders over you and that you submit to them, follow them, esteem them and obey them-This is what the Spirit wills, but the flesh and carnal mind is against this-**Ga5:17**-The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh...The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these...seditions (disunion-separation)-**Rm8:7**-The carnal mind is enmity against God
- C. One of the works of the flesh is seditions-The devil wants to play on your flesh and severe what God has joined together
- III. **Godly leaders will never try to control you or lead you away from The Word**
- A. The purpose of leadership is not to control, but to lead-Godly leaders will lead you, even directly and boldly telling what's right but they stop at trying force you to follow-**1Pt5:2**-Feed the flock of God which is among you, TAKING THE OVERSIGHT THEREOF, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; ³Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock-**1Pt5:3-AC**-Not domineering [as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons] over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation)
1. God doesn't control you and neither will a godly leader-Ps81:11-But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. ¹²So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels.
2. You submit yourselves-This is you choosing to submit NOT them making you submit-**Hb13:17**-Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:
- B. Lead you crosswise of The Word-A godly leader who himself is submitted to God will always lead you in line with The Words of God
- IV. **The responsibility of you submitting and following is on you NOT your leaders**
- A. You have to humble yourself, submit, follow and stay hooked to your leaders-To not do so is to hurt yourself NOT them