

Theme: SPIRITUAL HEADSHIP

Memory Verse: *Matthew 10:41: “He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.”*

Texts: Hebrews 13:7; 1Thessalonians 5:12-13

The pastor of the local church is the spiritual father of all the members of the church. He should be highly esteemed and honoured as a servant of the Lord and leader of God’s people. There is a reward for honouring, and co-operating with church leadership (Matthew 10:41). We are specifically commanded in our text to esteem very highly those who labour over us in the Lord (1Thess. 5:12)

Ministers are to be revered and respected by church members. If we respect our superiors in our places of work, how much more those who are preparing us for heaven. Obedience to leadership is the mark of respect. Any respect, so-called, without sincere obedience falls below God’s standard. Every member of the church should obey pastors and ministers whom God has appointed as leaders over them. It therefore means that the total membership of a Bible church will obey all instructions given by the pastor, follow the directions to which the church is moving and accept wholeheartedly as well as carry out the visions that God gives the pastor from time to time.

This leaves no room for anybody to project a dissenting voice, or a rebellious front. The one who fails to obey and submit himself to the leadership of the pastor stands to incur the displeasure of God. There is blessing in obedience. The Lord knows those who are denying the church of complete loyalty, consecration and submission. “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His. And, let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (2 Timothy 2:19, 1Peter 4:17). God is watching our attitudes in and toward the church. Anyone who despises church authority is despising the authority of the living God.

	DAILY BIBLE READING	
	MORNING	EVENING
SUNDAY	Psalms 74	Psalms 75
MONDAY	Psalms 76	Psalms 77
TUESDAY	Psalms 78	Psalms 79
WEDNESDAY	Psalms 80	Psalms 81
THURSDAY	Psalms 82	Psalms 83
FRIDAY	Psalms 84	Psalms 85
SATURDAY	Psalms 86	Psalms 87