



UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

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- God commissions church leaders with the charge of keeping the church on course and in line with God's Word.
- *"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."* **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13**
- Leadership is an absolute key issue for any local church, and we must understand what God teaches about it if, the church is to fulfill its God-given purpose.

First, we must understand the Biblical _____ of spiritual leadership.

- In Acts 20, Paul gathers the elders (vs. 17) of the Ephesian church to instruct them to be _____ (overseers - vs. 28) and _____ (those who feed). vs. 28
- These all speak of that position of leadership that God has given to the church.

Second, we must understand the primary _____ of spiritual leadership.

- They are responsible to _____ the flock of God. Acts 20:28
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- They are responsible to _____ the flock of God. Acts 20:29-31

Third, we must understand the proper _____ to spiritual leadership.

- *"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith _____ considering the end of their conversation... _____ 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 for you."*

Hebrews 13:7, 17



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