

HEBREWS 13 —PONDERING AND PRAYING OVER OUR PASTORS

I. REMEMBER. HEBREWS 13:7

- Remember those that rule. Why? **2 Peter 1:8, 12-15**
- Those who rule: Beware!
 - Get your rule right. **James 3:1**
 - Teach the Word right. **Acts 20:27; 1 Timothy 4:6-10**

II. FOLLOW.

- What you learn here, live. **Hebrews 6:12; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9**

Some pastors preach this passage for a way to gain personal control over people.. Watch out for that.
Is your pastor promoting HIS will or GOD'S Word?
- Don't follow a hireling.
- Pastors must be qualified. **1 Timothy 3:1-7** See also **Titus 1:5-14**

III. OBEY. HEBREWS 13:17

- Obey. How? **Philippians 4:9**

Want to make your pastor happy? Live the Word.

A local church is not a majority ruled organization. It's a Word of God ruled family body.

- Submit. **Philippians 3:17-20; 1 Corinthians 4:14-16; Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5**
Problem. **Jeremiah 6:17**
- What if my pastor is off? **1 Timothy 5:1, 17-22**
- Pastors beware. You have to get it right! **Hebrews 13:17b; James 3:1; 1 Timothy 4:1-6; Philippians 2:15-16**

IV. PRAY! HEBREWS 13:18-19

- Pray for your pastors! 18b - Right living. 19 - Restored. Fellowship.
1 Thessalonians 5:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:1; Romans 15:30-32

V. SALUTE! HEBREWS 13:24

- Today in our culture? Hug a pastor. **1 Thessalonians 5:26**
- Treat them like you would everyone else – hugs all around.