

How to Support Your Pastor *(Hebrews 13:17)*

I. You can support your Pastor through by genuine Obedience (*peitho*-more of a passive term; it is an allowing yourself to be continually persuaded with an implication of compliance)

- a. To allow the teaching and counsel of your Pastor to be persuasive in our lives.
- b. To be convinced that the counsel and teaching of your Pastor should be followed.
- c. To follow the directions of your Pastor (unless he ask you to sin).

II. You can support your Pastor through genuine Submission (*hupeiko* – more of an active term; it is the act of yielding to or placing one's self under)

- a. To yield to the authority of your Pastor.
- b. To diligently and continuously place yourself under the authority of your Pastor.
- c. To resist your natural tendency to rebel and walk in independence so that you can faithfully yield to the authority of your Pastor.

III. You support your Pastor with genuine obedience and submission because he is keeping watch over your soul and will give account to God for his work with you.

- a. Your Pastor is called to carefully consider all circumstances and possible consequences pertaining to the spiritual development of your life.
- b. Your Pastor is called to be attentive to the well being of your life and warn you of the external enemies and the internal enemies to the well being of your soul.
- c. Leaders will have to give an answer or explanation to God for how they handled the sheep allotted to their responsibility.

IV. You should not be hindrance to your Pastor

- a. You should relate in such a way with your Pastor that it enables Him to truly enjoy the work of ministry to you.
- b. You should not cause groaning of or grief to your Pastor in his work of ministry to you.
- c. It does not benefit you or bring anything positive to your life to cause grief to your Pastor in his ministry to you; causing grief suggest that you are not willing to obey and submit to Him which leaves you to suffer the consequences of your rebellion both now in this life and when you face God's judgment in the next life.

V. 9 Ways You can Support Your Pastor

- a. Place your trust in the finish work of Christ.
- b. Become committed members to the local body.
- c. Walk in obedience to Christ.
- d. Cultivate and preserve unity in the Body of Christ.
- e. Pray for your Pastor.
- f. Express love and loyalty to your Pastor.
- g. Seek your Pastor's counsel and direction.
- h. Receive His correction/warning with gratefulness.
- i. Believe the best about His character and decisions.
- j. Work beside your Pastor in ministry.