

EQUIPPED to DO God's WILL ~ Hebrews 13:17-25

➔ **Scripture Reading** Hebrews 1:1-3, 13:20-21

Followers and Leaders ~ Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Colossians 1:28 (HCS) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, SO THAT we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This call to obedience was never meant to force anyone to contradict Biblical morality or individual conscience. PTW

APPLICATION

1 Peter 5:2-3 (NIV) Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers - not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it OVER those entrusted to you, but being EXAMPLES to the flock.

James 3:1 (NIV) Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Good Followers...

- PRAY for their Leaders
- seek to FOLLOW well
- seek to HONOR God BY their submission and obedience
- take care of DIFFICULTIES one on one
- seek God's BEST for their Leaders
- seek to Help their Leaders THRIVE

1 Peter 5:5 (NLT) In the same way, you younger men must accept the authority of the elders. And ALL of you, serve each other in humility, for God OPPOSES the proud but FAVORS the humble.

PRAY for ME ~ Hebrews 13:18-19

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹ I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

Pray - SO THAT...

- I can continue to live HONORABLY
- I may be RESTORED to you

APPLICATION

¹⁸ Pray for us. We are sure that we have a **CLEAR conscience** and DESIRE to live honorably in every way.

Conscience- is our internal sense of Right and Wrong

Clear CONSCIENCE- to live in such a way that we don't have to keep looking over our shoulder, desperately hoping that the wrong we have done - never catches up to us. HNTC

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV) For the WORD of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ NOTHING in all creation is HIDDEN from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then Approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may Receive MERCY and Find GRACE to help us in our time of need.

To have a CLEAR Conscience we need...

- to ask God to Make us SENSITIVE to the H.S.
- to SATURATE our hearts and minds with His Word
- to RESPOND correctly when our Conscience is Trouble

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Not Guilty Anymore - by Aaron Keyes

It doesn't matter what You've done; It doesn't matter where you're coming from
It doesn't matter where you've been, Hear me tell you I FORGIVE
You're not guilty anymore, You're not filthy anymore, I love you, MERCY is yours
You're not broken anymore, You're not captive anymore I love you, MERCY is yours

The GREAT Shepherd of the Sheep ~ Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁰ May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV) Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when THIS PRIEST had offered FOR ALL TIME ONE SACRIFICE for sins, HE SAT DOWN at the right hand of God. ¹³ Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice he has made PERFECT FOREVER those who are being made holy.

Jesus is the... Wiersbe

- GOOD Shepherd who DIED for the Sheep - Jn. 10:11
- GREAT Shepherd who LIVES for the Sheep - Heb.13.20
- CHIEF Shepherd who is COMING for the Sheep - 1 Pet. 5:4

²⁰ May the God of peace... ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

APPLICATION

²⁰ May the God of peace... ²¹ **EQUIP** you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ

May the God of Peace...

- EQUIP you to DO GOOD
- WORK in you to be PLEASING to God

...**SO THAT** Jesus Will be HONORED and GLORIFIED

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that GOD, who BEGAN the good work within you, WILL Continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus Returns.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCS) ALL SCRIPTURE is inspired by God and is PROFITABLE for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ SO THAT the man of God may be complete, EQUIPPED for every good work.

Hoping to See You SOON ~ Hebrews 13:12-14

²² Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written you only a short letter. ²³ I want you to know that our brother Timothy has been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with him to see you. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those from Italy send you their greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with you all.

TAKE AWAY ??

²⁰ May the God of **PEACE**...

Shalom- completeness, soundness, wellbeing, peace, prosperity, blessing

Jeremiah 29:11 (HCS) For I know the plans I have for you - this is the LORD's declaration - plans for your WELFARE, not for disaster, to give you a future and a HOPE.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to PROSPER you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future.

John 14:27 (HCS) PEACE I leave with you. My PEACE I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NIV) We have this HOPE as an ANCHOR for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, ²⁰ where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest FOREVER, in the order of Melchizedek.

CHRIST the SURE and STEADY ANCHOR