

Topic/Subject: ***Obey Your Leaders who Obey Christ Faithfully***

Scripture: Hebrews 13:7

Background Scriptures: Titus 3:1-11 and Numbers 27:12-23

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Biblical Focus/Introduction:

Have you heard the expression “Being a Christian isn’t easy.” Being a Christian can certainly be a challenge at times. It's not always easy to stay true to your beliefs and values in a world that often seems to be moving in a different direction. However, I believe that with faith, perseverance, and a strong support system, it is possible to navigate the ups and downs of life as a Christian. It's important to remember that we are all human and make mistakes, but it's also important to strive towards being the best version of ourselves and living a life that is in line with our beliefs.

The Lesson:

The real leader of the church preaches Christ and therefore brings men to him (Christ). The duty of a real preacher is to eliminate himself and show men nothing but Christ.

The real leader of the church lives in the faith and bring Christ to men. The duty of the real preacher is not so much to talk to men about Christ, but to show them Christ in his own life (how he lives).

The real leader, if need be, dies in loyalty. He shows men how to live and is prepare to show them how to die. Jesus, having loved his own, loved them to the end, and the real leader, having love Jesus, loves him to the end. His loyalty never stops half way.

Therefore the real leader leaves to those who comes after him two things – an example and Inspiration. How they should live and encouragement on living that way. It is the nature of things that all earthly leaders must come and go. They have their part in the drama of life, but the curtain of death does come down. By we should have confidence in knowing that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus presence is permanent and his leadership last forever. This is the secret of earthly leadership; the real leader is the man who is himself led by Jesus.

Titus 3: 1-11

Paul letter to Titus provides instructions for public duty for the people in Crete. The Cretans were always fighting and impatient with authority. There were insurrections, murders, and civil wars in Crete. Thus, this passage provides six qualifications for a good citizen.

1. A good citizen is law bidding. He recognizes that, unless the laws are kept, life become chaotic. He gives a proper respect to those who are set in authority and carries out whatever command is given him. Christianity does not insist that a man should cease to be an individual, but it does insist that he remember that he is also a member of a group.
2. A good citizen is active in service – He is ready for every work, so long as it is good. The characteristic modern disease is boredom, and boredom is the direct result of selfishness. So long as a man lives on the principle of why should I do it? Let someone else do it, he is bound to be bored.
3. A good citizen is care in speech - He must slander no one no man should say about other people what he would not like to them to say about him. The good citizen will be as careful of the words he speaks as of the deeds he does.
4. A good Citizen is tolerant – he is not aggressive, which means not a fighter. This does not mean that the good citizen will not stand for the principles which he believes to be right, but that he will never be so opinionated as to believe that no other way than his own is right. He

will allow others the same right to have their conviction as he claims for himself to have his own.

5. A good Citizen is kind – the man who does not stand upon the letter of the law. He considers not only the letter of the law, but the mind and intention of the legislator. The man who is every ready to avoid the injustice which often lies in by strictly just.
6. The good citizen is gentle – describes the man whose temper is always under complete control. He knows when to be angry and when not to be angry. He patiently bears wrongs done to himself but is every chivalrously ready to sprint to the help of others who are wrong.

Qualities like these are possible only for the man whose hear Christ reigns supreme. The Welfare of any community depends on the acceptance by Christians within it of the duty of demonstrating to the world the nobility of Christian citizenship.