

*Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.*

[Hebrews 13:17 New American Standard Bible](#)



Submission has taken a bad rap these days. Today it is in vogue to question authority.

And, unfortunately, I have seen it done once too often by my brothers and sisters in Christ by way of their emphasizing the non essentials of a church issue to the detriment of undermining the very leadership that has been placed above them to protect them.

From my vantage point, we have erred on the side of throwing the baby out with the bath water by transferring out perceptions of clearly ungodly leadership upon ALL spiritual leadership and going to prayer when *things in the church are not being handled in a way that we like*.

Now the take away from all this is that our spiritual leaders AND US will be standing before God to give an accounting of how we are caring for one another. So, the next time you and I have a complaint, let's consider how we might handle it in order to adhere to God's principles of leadership.

Don't cut your life line