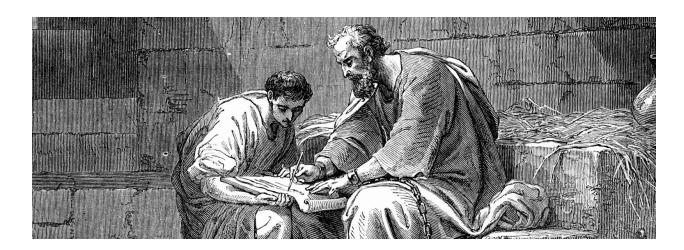
Elders and the Congregation in Concert



Sermon Questions

- 1. What things come to your mind when you think of a command like "obey and submit"?
- 2. Which statements help us understand the difference between the command to obey and the one to submit?
 - a. Obey carries with it the idea of hearing then doing.
 - b. Submit carries with it the idea of hearing then doing.
 - c. Submission relates to the recognizing the elders' authority because of their position or role in the church.
 - d. Obedience relates to the recognizing the elders' authority because of their position or role in the church.
- 3. What protection does a congregation have so they aren't ruled by tyrants or greedy men?
 - a. Every decision should be approved by the congregation in a members meeting.
 - b. The biblical qualifications of elders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 must be seen in the elders.
 - c. Power must be shared by other individuals and groups in the church so one group doesn't have too much power.
- 4. What best describes the relationship between congregation and the elders?
 - a. The elders lead the church while the final authority rests in the gathered church.
 - b. The elders lead the church under the oversight of the gathered church.
 - c. The elders teach and preach but it is the majority vote of the gathered church that provides direction.
 - d. The elders lead and the church simply follows.
 - e. We all are led by the Holy Spirit and we all lead the church.

5.	List four things that the elders do to "watch" over the congregation.
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6.	Elders of the church must give an account to God for those people in the church (Yes/No).
7.	Is your life a cause for joy in those who exercise authority over you? Your parents? Your government? Your elders? (Yes/No)
8.	Church membership is a formal covenant between a person and the church (Yes/No).
9.	How are you going to obey Hebrews 13:17?