

# 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.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

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?

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