

## Pastors' Authority within the Church

1. Christians are called to be wise rather than foolish.

Ephesians 5:15-21

- a. Redeem the time you have on this Earth
- b. Seek the will of the Lord
- c. Be filled and led with the Holy Spirit
- d. Worship together with other believers
- e. Give thanks to God continually
- f. Submit to one another
  - i. What is submission?
    - 1. Willingly yielding to the authority, or needs, or will of another.

2. What does mutual submission between pastors and congregation look like?

- a. Pastors as shepherds I Peter 5:1-4
  - i. Feed - teach the Word of God
  - ii. Protect Against
    - 1. Wolves with false doctrine Acts 20:28,29
    - 2. Sheep wandering from Christ
  - iii. Love and care of the sheep I Thessalonians 2:7,8
  - iv. Equip the members to serve God Ephesians 4:12
  - v. Be an example to follow Hebrews 13:7
  - vi. Submit to the Great Shepherd
- b. Congregation under the authority and leadership of pastors
  - i. Give love, honor, appreciation, cooperation, and respect I Thessalonians 5:12,13
  - ii. Follow the examples of the pastors Hebrews 13:7
  - iii. Obey the counsel and directives of the pastors Hebrews 13:17
  - iv. Hold pastors accountable to Scripture I Timothy 5:19,20