



Open it

1. Who is an example of a good leader? What makes them a good leader?

Daily Devotions

Day 1

Today's Theme: Explore It

Read Hebrews 13:17–19

¹³ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

2. What should we do in relation to our leaders?
3. What are leaders doing for us?
4. What does the author of Hebrews desire?
5. What will be the result of the prayers for a clear conscience?

Day 2

Today's Theme: The Power of Leadership

Read Hebrews 13:17

It can often be difficult to be led by others. Oftentimes, we want to do things our way and not have others question us or challenge us to think differently. But the reality is, we are not perfect, and we need other people to help shape us so that we can look more and more like Jesus. That is why the author of Hebrews gives us this command in verse 17. We need to obey and submit to our leaders.

So this offers the question, who are our leaders? We are to be submissive to the leaders God gives us (assuming they have the character mentioned in Hebrews 13:7)¹. God has specifically appointed people and given people positions of authority in the ministry of the Word. Since God has put them where they are, those are the people we need to submit to, people who are speaking the Word of God.

6. What is difficult about submitting to authority?

7. Is there anything that you need to give up in order to submit and obey your leaders?

¹Enduring Word Bible Commentary. <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/hebrews-13/>

Day 3

Today's Theme: The Power of Prayer

Read Hebrews 13:18–19

Here we have a brief request for prayer. The author of Hebrews takes note of his clear conscience and desire to live honorably—two very important things, but not things that have given him free reign without any difficulty. Even though he has been living honorably, he is still facing hardship.

He is asking the readers to be praying so that he may be restored to them. This does not imply that he has wronged them in some way, but rather, something is preventing him from giving this sermon to the Hebrews in person. Something is preventing him from gathering with those he is trying to reach. And he believes prayer can eliminate that barrier.

8. Examine yourself and ask honestly if you have a clear conscience and a desire to live honorably, in a way that glorifies God and not yourself. Is there anything you need to clear out of the way for God to have His way with you?

9. What can you pray for that God can bring about that will glorify Him? Take some time to pray for these requests.