
2. Be united. You are on a team.

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

3. Give input without demand.

Follower: It's a mark of foolishness to rebel against authority.

Leader: It's a mark of wisdom to listen to advice.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

*1 Peter 5:5 Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "**God opposes the proud** but gives grace to the humble." [6] Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

4. Be hopeful. Think win-win.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

5. Be a blessing.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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Follow Spiritual Leadership

Pacific Heart Attitudes - part 5

March 30, 2025

Heart Attitudes review

Put the success of others above your own. We aspire to be a "first you, then me" outfit.

An honest and open life. Integrity and trust don't just happen. They have to be earned.

Clear relationships. When we mess up we fess up.

Invest your time and talent. We pull the wagon together.

Four truths that need wisdom in how to respond.

AUTHORITY: God gives authority to people and institutions (Government, church, family)

Romans 13:1-7

LEADERSHIP: There are biblical ways that a leader, in whatever institution, is supposed to function.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

ACCOUNTABILITY: God holds leaders accountable for how they lead. God holds followers accountable for how they follow.

James 3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Hebrews 13:17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

CORRUPTION: The problem of being "corrupt"

Psalm 14:3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Principles of Authority

1. God gives authority for our benefit.

■ *Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. [2] Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. [3] For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. [4] For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. [5] Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.*

■ Authority is meant to do two things:

To Provide. An atmosphere from which we can live in a fair and free society.

To Protect. From crime, enemies, attack.

■ *Ecclesiastes 8:11 Because sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the hearts of men are fully set to do evil.*

Family - Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18-21; **Government** - 1 Peter 2:13; Romans 13:1-7; **Church** - Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12-12; 1 Peter 5:5-6; **Work** - 1 Peter 2:18, Col. 3:22-25

2. Submit To authority.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.

Obey =

Submit =

3. Submit within scriptural limits.

Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied "We must obey God rather than man!"

■ *Jeremiah 1:17 "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them, or I will terrify you before them. ¹⁸ Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land—against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests and the people of the land. ¹⁹ They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.*

■ We don't blindly follow. We wisely follow.

How to follow leadership

1. Be respectful.

*1 Peter 2:17 Show **proper respect** to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.*

■ Respect =

■ *1 Thessalonians 5:12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. ¹³ Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other...*
