

Responsibilities to Our Leaders: Remember and
Follow
Hebrews 13:7

I. Remember

- Remember
 - Keep/Hold in your mind
 - One of two imperatives in the passage, it is not something to be taken lightly, this is a command
 - Remembering is not a passive act, but an active act

- Hebrews 13:7 - Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of [their] conduct.

A. Remember What? Your Leaders

- Who rule over you
 - People who are placed before us, who go before us, who command us or an overseer

- We are *commanded* to recall things concerning our leaders, we need to be putting effort into our roles as learners and followers

B. Who Taught the Word of God

- The focus is not on miracles, but instead teaching (speaking) God's word

- Speaking words are important throughout Scripture
 - Eve takes the fruit because of Satan's words, not any physical act

-Romans 10:14 –How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

1. If we don't remember teaching that come from the Word of God, what will happen? - we will drift away

- Heb. 2:1 - Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away

2. Pastors (and anyone who teaches) must not be teaching their word, but God's

- Titus 1:9 – Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, to both exhort and convict those who contradict

II. Follow

- The other big command in this passage is to follow

- Hebrews 13:7 - Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of [their] conduct.
- KJV and NKJV translate the end of the passage similarly, however in Greek the command the phrase “whose faith follow” come at the end of the verse

A. Consider the End Result

- Considering
 - to look at from top to bottom
- Outcome
 - the end result of their lives (which is very different for a saved/unsaved person)
- Conduct (NKJV)/Conversation (KJV)/Manner of Living
 - The way in which you are living, and if it is holy or unholy it will show
 - We need to consider the outcome of our leaders conduct and the result of following their teaching
- Leaders need to be living in light of eternity
- We need to be observant of their godly testimony

- What is the difference between living for now and living for the future?

- Mt. 6:19-20 - Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Heb. 13:14 – For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

B. Imitate the Lives of Godly Leaders

- Faith
 - Conviction and belief in the truth of God that flows into a persons life and determines his/her actions
- Follow
 - Imitate

-1Pe 2:21 - For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

- We are to imitate the example of our pastors not because of who they are, but because they imitate Christ.