

BIBLICAL PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

- I. A RIGHT VIEW OF GOD
- II. A RIGHT VIEW OF MAN
- III. A RIGHT VIEW OF SCRIPTURE
- IV. A RIGHT VIEW OF THE CHURCH
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A. THE NECESSITY OF ELDERS

B. THE FUNCTION OF ELDERS

C. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

HEBREWS 13:17

Hebrews 13:17 - Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

I. THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

A. *HUMBLE TRUST*

*Eph 4:11–12 - 11 And He gave ... pastors and teachers,
12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service,
to the building up of the body of Christ;*

Heb 13:17 - Obey your leaders...

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A. HUMBLE TRUST

Heb 13:17 - Obey your leaders...

Heb 2:13 - I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM...

Heb 6:9 - But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you...

Acts 17:4 - And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas...

Acts 5:36 - ... Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.

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A. *HUMBLE TRUST*

B. *VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE*

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I. THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

B. VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

1 Pet 5:2–3 - shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight NOT under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God ...3...(not) as lording it over those allotted to your charge... 4 And when the CHIEF SHEPHERD appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

John Calvin: Those who have nothing except the title, and indeed those who abuse the title pastor to destroy the church, deserve little reverence and even less trust.

I. THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

B. VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

1 Thes 5:12–13 - ... appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work....

I. THE RIGHT ATTITUDES

II. THE REASONABLE INCENTIVES

A. REMEMBERING THE DUTY OF THE SHEPHERDS

17...for they keep watch over your souls...

Luke 21:36 - But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength...

Eph 6:18 - ...be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

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A. *REMEMBERING THE DUTY OF THE SHEPHERDS*

2 Cor 11:28 - there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

2 Cor 12:15 - I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls...

John 21:15–17 - So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My lambs.” 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

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17...as those who will give an account.

Heb 13:18 - Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

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II. THE REASONABLE INCENTIVES

A. *REMEMBERING THE DUTY OF THE SHEPHERDS*

B. *REMEMBERING THE BENEFIT TO THE SHEEP*

17...Let them do this with joy and not with grief...

Phil 3:18 - For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ,

1 Thes 2:19–20 - For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

1 Thes 3:9 - For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account,

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