

**OBEY THEM THAT HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU,
AND SUBMIT YOURSELVES: FOR THEY WATCH FOR YOUR SOULS
(Heb 13:17)**

Heb 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. **15** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. **16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. **17** Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. **18** Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. **19** But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. **20** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21** Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **22** And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words. **23** Know ye that our brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you. **24** Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you. **25** Grace be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

Heb 13:17

17 (1)**Obey them** (2)**that have the rule over** you, and (3)**submit** yourselves: for they (4)**watch** for your souls, as (5)**they that must give** (6)**account**, that they may do it with (7)**joy**, and not (8)**with grief**: for that is (9)**unprofitable** for you. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)**Obey them**-3982 peitho (pi'-tho); a primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy, to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexively or passively, to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty): KJV-- agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) conflent, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield. (2)**that have the rule over** you-2233 hegeomai-1) to lead a) to go before b) to be a leader 1) to rule, to command 2) to have authority over 3) a prince, of regal power, a governor, a viceroy, chief, leading as respects influence, controlling in counsel, overseers or leaders of the churches 4) used of any kind of leader, a chief, a commander 5) the leader in speech, a chief, a spokesman 2) to consider, to deem, to account, to think. (3)**submit** yourselves-5226 hipeiko (hoop-i'-ko); from 5259 and eiko (to yield, be "weak"); to surrender, 1) to resist no longer, but to give way, to yield (of combatants) 2) metaphorically, to yield to authority and admonition, to submit: KJV-- submitself. (4)**watch** for your souls-69 agrupneo (ag-roop-neh'-o); ultimately from 1 (as negative particle) and 5258; to be sleepless, i.e. keep awake, 1) to be sleepless, to keep awake, to watch 2) to be circumspect, to be attentive, to be ready: KJV-- watch. (5)**they that must give**-591 apodidomi (ap-od-eed'-o-mee); from 575 and 1325; to give away, i.e. up, over, back, etc. (in various applications): KJV-- deliver (again), give (again), (re-) pay (-ment be made), perform, recompense, render, requite, restore, reward, sell, yield. (6)**account**-3056 logos-1) of speech a) a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea b) what someone has said 1) a word 3) decree, mandate or order 4) a continuous speaking discourse -instruction d) doctrine, teaching e) anything reported in speech, f) matter under discussion, a thing spoken of, an affair, a

matter in dispute, a case, a suit at law g) the thing spoken of or talked about; an event, a deed 2) its use as respect to the mind alone a) reason, the mental faculty of thinking, meditating, reasoning, calculating b) account, that is, regard, consideration c) account, that is, a reckoning, a score d) account, that is, an answer or explanation with reference to judgment e) relation, that is, with whom as judge we stand in relation to f) reason, cause, ground. (7)that they may do it with joy-5479 chara- joy, gladness a) the joy received from you b) the cause or occasion of joy; used of persons who are one's joy. (8)and not **with grief**-4727 stenazo (sten-ad'-zo);from 4728; to make (intransitively, be) in straits, i.e. (by implication) to sigh, murmur, pray inaudibly: KJV-- with grief, groan, grudge, sigh. (9)for that is **unprofitable** for you-255 alusiteles (al-oo-sit-el-ace'); from 1 (as a negative particle) and the base of 3081; gainless, i.e. (by implication) pernicious, hurtful: KJV-- unprofitable.

Heb 13:17 ... Obey them that have the rule over you, (KJV)

1 Sam 8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; **20** That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. **21** And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. **22** And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city. (KJV)

1 Sam 15:16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. **17** And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? **18** And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. **19** Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? **20** And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. **21** But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. **22** And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. **23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. **24** And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. **25** Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. **26** And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. (KJV)

Prov 5:7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children, and depart not from the words of my mouth. **8** Remove thy way far from her, and come not nigh the door of her house: **9** Lest thou give thine honour unto others, and thy years unto the cruel: **10** Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth; and

thy labours be in the house of a stranger; **11** And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed, **12** And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof; **13** And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me! (KJV)

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; **11** And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **13** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. **14** Do all things without murmurings and disputings: **15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. (KJV)

Phil 2:22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. **23** Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me. **24** But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. **25** Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. **26** For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. **27** For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. **28** I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. **29** Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: **30** Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me. (KJV)

1Thes 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. **9** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. **11** Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. **12** And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; **13** And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. **14** Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. (KJV)

II Th 3:13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing. **14** And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. **15** Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. **16** Now the Lord of peace himself

give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. **17** The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write. **18** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. **6** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. **7** Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. (KJV)

Heb 13:17 ... submit yourselves: (KJV)

1 Cor 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) **16** That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. (KJV)

1 Cor 16:17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. **18** For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such. **19** The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. **20** All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss. **21** The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. **22** If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. **23** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. (KJV)

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; **21** Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (KJV)

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

James 4:13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: **14** Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. **15** For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. **16** But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. **17** Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. **6** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: **7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. **8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: **9** Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **10** But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. **11** To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

Heb 13:17 ... watch for your souls, (KJV)

Ezek 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. **18** When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **19** Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. **20** Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **21** Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul. (KJV)

Ezek 33:1 Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, **2** Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: **3** If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; **4** Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. **5** He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. **6** But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. **7** So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. **8** When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. **9** Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. **10** Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? **11** Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? (KJV)

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. **24** But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. **25** And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. **26** Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. (KJV)

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. **32** And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. (KJV)

1 Cor 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. **2** Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. (KJV)

1 Pet 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: **2** Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; **3** Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. (KJV)

Heb 13:17 ... give account, (KJV)

Luke 16:1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. **2** And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. (KJV)

2 Cor 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. **9** Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. **10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. **11** Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. (KJV)

Heb 13:17 ... with joy, (KJV)

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: **2** Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our

Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. **3** I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, **4** Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, **5** For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; **6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: **7** Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace. **8** For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ. **9** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; **10** That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; **11** Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. (KJV)

Phil 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: **15** That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; **16** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain. **17** Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. **18** For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. (KJV)

Phil 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. **18** (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) **20** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Phil 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. **2** I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. (KJV)

1Thes 2:18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us. **19** For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? **20** For ye are our glory and joy. (KJV)

1Thes 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you: **7** Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: **8** For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. **9** For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; **10** Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? **11** Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. **12** And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: **13** To the end he may stablish your hearts

unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1Thes 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. (KJV)

Heb 13:17 ... with grief: (KJV)

Jer 13:14 And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them. **15** Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. **16** Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. **17** But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive. **18** Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory. (KJV)

Acts 20:19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: (KJV)

Acts 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. (KJV)

Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, **2** That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. (KJV)

2 Cor 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you. (KJV)

Phil 3:18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) (KJV)

I Jn 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. **17** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. **18** Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. (KJV)