

Announcements

Sick (James 5:13)

Carrell Arrington • Ann Bass • Jo Byrnes
Betty Cannon • Michael Careccia • Joyce Coones
Sleatha Gore • Essielene Henderson • Buddy Johnson
Faye Kilpatrick • Bonnie Lord's father (Cullman, AL)

Directories

We are just about done with the project. By next Sunday, Lord willing, we will have them printed out.

Teachers' Meeting

Next Sunday afternoon (Aug. 23) at 4:30 in the classroom building. The new quarter will begin Sept. 6.

Ladies' Get-Together

After evening worship services in two weeks (August 30) at Ida Mae Watson's home.

Area-Wide Gospel Singing

The Old Town congregation is hosting an area-wide gospel singing this Friday evening, 7:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to come and support this effort, and if you are a song leader, come prepared to lead a song.

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THINGS ABOVE

"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth"

—[Colossians 3:1-2]—

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Following Our Leaders

By Jamey Hinds

Being a leader inherently carries with it great responsibility. I would suggest in plain terms that there is indeed a higher standard set out for leaders, especially in the Lord's body, the church (see *Ephesians 1:22-23*).

As James advises, "Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness" (3:1). The apostle Paul wrote, "And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ" (*Ephesians 4:11-12*). Not everyone is an apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd or teacher.



Again, being a leader among God's people carries higher standards to which we must aspire. As the apostle Paul wrote, "The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach" (1 Timothy 3:1-2).

Consider the passages listed below which point out for us the examples that are to be set forth by leaders —

- ◆ "Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to *the example* you have in us" (Philippians 3:17).
- ◆ "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers *an example* in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).
- ◆ "Show yourself in all respects to be *a model of good works*, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech" (Titus 2:7-8).
- ◆ "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and *imitate their faith*" (Hebrews 13:7).
- ◆ "Shepherd the flock of God . . . not domineering over those in your charge, but *being examples* to the flock" (1 Peter 5:2-3).

Our leaders — elders, deacons, the preacher and teachers — should have it in mind to be good leaders. We wield more influence on others than we may want to concede. But with the responsibility given to us (see Titus 2:15) there will be great reward — "If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward" (1 Corinthians 3:14).



Being a Successful Teenager

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- When did you last hug Mom without wanting something?
- When did you last make an attempt to be especially pleasant to Dad without asking him a favor?
- Do you take an interest in your parents' friends and treat them with respect?
- Do you take pride in your home, or do you leave trash in the living room and "spills" for someone else to clean up?
- How about the car?
- When did you last fill it with gas when you were driving it for your own use?
- When did you last tell Mom the dinner was good and that you appreciate her cooking? • Are you on time when Mom and Dad offer to drive you somewhere or pick you up?
- When did you last do exactly as you were told without saying, "Wait a minute," or asking, "Do I have to?"
- Above all, are you remembering your Creator in the days of your youth (Ecclesiastes 12:1)?

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(1 Timothy 4:12 ESV).