

# sermon notes

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## ***Final expectations for the church from the book of Hebrews:***

- 1) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to your leaders  
(13:17-19)
  
- 2) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to do God’s will  
(13:20-21)
  
- 3) Be \_\_\_\_\_ to instruction  
(13:22-23)
  
- 4) Be \_\_\_\_\_ by God’s grace  
(13:24-25)

## **Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:**

### **GO DEEPER**

Read Hebrews 13:17-19. Why is it important for churches to obey their leaders? In what ways do leaders care for souls? Why would it be advantageous for a church to have joy-filled leaders? Why would it be detrimental for a church to obey its leaders grudgingly?

Read Hebrews 13:20-25. The author of Hebrews asks for prayer (13:18-19), but then he prays for the church (13:20-21). What are some things that he emphasizes in his prayer? How does the author emphasize the gospel in his prayer?

What does doing God’s will look like in this world? How are we equipped to do it? Take a look at all the commands in Hebrews 12-13. Are these examples of doing God’s will? Why is it important that we do God’s will “through Jesus Christ” (13:21)?

### **GET PERSONAL**

Is it easy or difficult for you to submit to your church leaders? How are you at submitting to authority in general? The Bible speaks repeatedly about submission as a way of life for Christians (e.g. Rom 13:1; Eph 5:21-25; Col 3:18; 1 Pet 2:13-14; 3:5-6; Heb 13:17)? Why is it important for us to submit to authority? When is it appropriate to be unsubmitive to authority (see Ex 1:8-22; Dan 3:13-18; Acts 5:29)?

### **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE**

If you are an elder in the church, what are some ways that you can pray for your church body as part of your shepherding task? If you are not an elder in the church, what are some ways that you can regularly pray for your elders? How can you encourage your elders and make their leadership task one of joy and not groaning?

Watch the Bible Project video on the book of Hebrews:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/hebrews/>

In reviewing the content of Hebrews as a whole, what are your 3 or 4 main takeaways from this book? What are some new things you learned from studying this book? What are some truths you’ve had reinforced through this study?

### **ADVANCED QUESTION**

What’s the difference between an elder, an overseer, a deacon, a pastor, a bishop, etc.? Which of these does the author of Hebrews refer to when he uses the term “leaders” in 13:17? Watch the following video to help you answer this question:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/l1OQQpvs8ta9>

Also read the following article to help you navigate these terms:

<https://www.9marks.org/article/hierarchy-church/>