**“A Recipe for Joy”**

Hebrews 13:17

**I. Our Responsibility**

**A) To Obey**

**B) To Submit**

***Why Obey God’s command re: leaders?***

 1) God is sovereign over everything Romans 13:1

 2) There is so much we don’t know Job 38-42

 3) Christian obedience always includes faith

 4) Obeying God is always what benefits us most

 5) Obeying God brings God glory and bringing God glory is what we were created for

***What about submitting to ungodly leaders?***

 Jeremiah 29:7; 1 Tim 2:2

***What does it mean to obey and submit in the church?***

 **It doesn’t mean:**

1) throw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ aside

 2) it doesn’t mean do something non-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 3) it doesn’t mean acquiesce beyond scriptural limits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **It does mean:**

 To be “persuaded” to trust and “yield to” God given authority in your church

**II. Their Responsibility**

**A) Soul Watch**

Ezekiel 3:17-19; Acts 20:28

1)A leaders exercises authority on the basis of responsibility \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ re: God’s people

2) A leaders goal is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ soul

**B) Divine Accounting**

**III. Our Mutual Benefit**

**A) Joyful Leadership**

1) Church leadership is meant to be profitable

2) Church leadership is meant to be a ministry of joy

*See: Rom 15:31-32; 2 Cor 1:24; Phil 1:25; 1 Thess 2:20; Philemon 1:7*

3) Church leadership is not meant to be burdensome

**B) Advantaged Followership**