

TABERNACLE DNA

WEEK 6: WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SPIRITUAL LEADERS

God has gifted you with specific leaders who will equip you to accomplish His mission in your life.

THE SERVING LEADERS OF THE CHURCH

Those called Elders/Overseers/Pastors in scripture.

- They oversee the church's members and direction.
- They lead in Christian living by personal example.
- They guide through their teaching and warning.

THE LEADING SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

Those called Deacons/Deaconesses/Servants in scripture.

- They serve the physical needs of the church.
- They serve the pastors by facilitating unity and church growth.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO SPIRITUAL LEADERS

- Obey their spiritual directives & imitate their walk. (Heb. 13:7, 17)
- Pray for them. (Eph. 6:18-19, 2 Thess. 3:1-2)
- Respect and honor them. (1 Thess. 5:12-13, 1 Tim. 5:19-20)
- Care for their material needs. (1 Tim. 5:17-18, 1 Cor. 9:3-14, Rom. 15:27)

FURTHER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

- Elders/Overseers/Pastors: 1 Tim. 3, Titus 1, 1 Pet. 5, Heb. 13, Acts 20
- Deacons: Acts 6, Rom. 16, 1 Tim. 3
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