

## Hebrews 13:7

### Worthy of Imitation

*God's provision ...*

- I. Worthy Leaders
  - A. Speak Gospel Truth
  
  - B. Have a Grasp on Faith
  
  - C. Display Good Fruit
    1. Godly Conduct
    2. Christlike Character
  
- II. Models for Saints
  - A. Remember Them
  
  - B. Follow Their Example
  
  - C. Serve as Models

*... as inspiration.*

### **Children, Listen ...**

1. What are the main leaders in your church called?
  
2. What are some very important things good leaders should have?
  
3. Who is the best and most perfect leader for God's people ever?
  
4. How can you encourage the leaders in your church?
  
5. Ask your dad or mom who your elder and deacon are and pray for them?

## Marks of Good Leadership

Much has been written about effective leadership in both secular and sacred realms. Some promote qualities that are shared between the two – other qualities stand in stark contrast from one to the other. The Bible is primarily interested in the kind of leaders that will benefit the people of God, with Jesus Himself serving as the supreme model. Our passage highlights just three key attributes of Christian leaders: They know and present the Scriptures accurately – their lives display a genuine trust in the Lord – and their character and moral conduct resembles that of the Savior. While reference could be made to many other qualifications, these three things are absolutely essential to God honoring leadership. If one of these is out of place in someone appointed to lead in the church, it turns out that they, after all, are out of place. On the other hand, when those things are present, such individuals are worthy of emulation.