

Hebrews 13:17-19

On Soul-Watch

When our duty ...

- I. Good Leaders
 - A. Worthy
 - B. Watchmen
 - C. Accountable
- II. God's People
 - A. Beneficiaries
 - B. Blessings
 - C. Accountable

... is delightful.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why are leaders in the church called "watchmen?"
2. How can members of a church help leaders enjoy serving the church?
3. It is important to pray that everyone in the church works well together. Will you pray that God will continue to bless our church that way?

A Copasetic Community of Christ

It is critical that leaders in the church are believers who are committed to the authority of God's word, have glory of God and the good of the people in mind, are focused on the Kingdom and operate with utmost integrity. That may seem obvious, but tragically that is not always the case. Worthy leaders are hard to find, but when they are, they should be respected and obeyed by members of the body of Christ. Conversely, worthy leaders will hold the people to whom they minister in high esteem, treating them with love, compassion, and dignity. When that harmonious balance is maintained, church life be pleasant, and the ministry will be productive. If such things are not in place the opposite will take place. When there is tension and distrust between leaders and "lay people," the church may function, but it does so in an unhealthy atmosphere in which unpleasant attitudes fester and Kingdom productivity is stifled. God has blessed Covenant with many worthy leaders and a wonderful congregation. May God grant us the grace to maintain a healthy, loving atmosphere of mutual edification, harmony and unity under our glorious Head, the Lord Jesus Christ.