

Study Guide to Alexander Strauch's *Biblical Eldership*

Chapter 13: Hebrews: Obey Your Leaders

Read: Hebrews 13:7, 17

Q: Strauch wrote that “It is tremendously important that Christians understand God’s will regarding submission and obedience to their spiritual guides” (pg. 268). How should this work? How far does the authority of the leader extend?

A: _____

Q: What does it mean to keep watch over a person’s soul? How is this done? What are some of the most crucial aspects of this activity?

A: _____

Read: Ezekiel 3:18-19 and James 3:1

Q: Elders will have to give an account of their shepherding. They will have to answer to God for what they did or did not do in the lives of the local church. How should the reality of this future judgment affect elders? What are the practical implications of this eschatological reality for leaders?

A: _____

Q: What *advantage* does a congregation have when its leaders do their work with joy? What *disadvantage* do they have when their leaders shepherd with groaning?

A: _____

