

1. Name some of the most prominent and faithful leaders in the Bible.

2. How well did the people follow them?

Leadership Responsibilities

Terminology used for Leaders (fill in next to the → what that makes you):

Overseer →	Minister/servant →	Teacher →
Elder →	Slave →	Messenger →
Pastor/shepherd →	Watchman →	Leader →
Steward →	Preacher/herald →	Example →

Acts 20:28-31 "Therefore **take heed** to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**, to **shepherd** the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.²⁹ "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.³⁰ "Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.³¹ "Therefore **watch**, and **remember** that for three years I did not cease to **warn** everyone night and day with tears.

Take heed	Shepherd (feed)
Oversee	Watch (protect and warn)

Ephesians 4:7,8,11-16 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.⁸ Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high. He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men..." " And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the **equipping** of the saints for the work of ministry, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ, ¹³till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ - ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Equip	Mature	Provide/encourage
Edify (faith, knowledge)	Protect	

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and **admonish** you, ¹³and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

Labor	Over	Admonish (warn, instruct)
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1 Peter 5:1-5a The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: ² **Shepherd** the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; ³ nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; ⁴ and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.⁵ Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders.

Shepherd (feed)	Oversee
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Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they **watch** out for your souls, as those who must **give account**. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

Watch

Give an account

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Membership Responsibilities

Ephesians 4:7-16

Recognize they are
Christ's gifts to you

Grow via them

Flourish under them

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Know them
Recognize their position

Esteem them
Love them

Be at peace with them

1 Peter 5:5a

Submit to them

(Be fed by them)

(Open your life to them)

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them

Submit to them

Be a joy to them

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1. In what two ways can lawful and legitimate authority get off track?
 2. Without in any way minimizing the need for faithful, exemplary, inspiring leaders, why is it necessary for there to be faithful followers?
 3. Evaluate the following quote from Leon Morris:
"It is a matter of fact that we are often slow to realize to this day that effective leadership in the church of Christ demands effective following. If we are continually critical of them that are set over us, small wonder if they are unable to perform the miracles that we demand of them."
 4. How can you bring joy to the leaders in your Church? In what ways can you bring grief to them? (see pages 86-92)