



SV LIFE RECOVERY MEETING
THE BEST LEADERS BREEDS A STRONG RECOVERY
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- **Romans 13:1-5 (NLT)**

Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. ² So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. ³ For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. ⁴ The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. ⁵ So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

- **Proverbs 11:14 (AMP) STAY UNDER YOUR LEADER'S GUIDANCE**

Where there is no [wise, intelligent] guidance, the people fall [and go off course like a ship without a helm], But in the abundance of [wise and godly] counselors there is victory.

- **Proverbs 12:1 (AMP) STAY UNDER YOUR LEADER'S INSTRUCTION AND DISCIPLINE**

Whoever loves instruction *and* discipline loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof *and* correction is stupid.

- **Proverbs 5:1-14 (NLT) STAY UNDER YOUR LEADER'S WISDOM**

My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. ² Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned. ³ For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. ⁴ But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword. ⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.^[a] ⁶ For she cares nothing about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't realize it.

⁷ So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say: ⁸ Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house! ⁹ If you do, you will lose your honor and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved. ¹⁰ Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor. ¹¹ In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body. ¹² You will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings! ¹³ Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors? ¹⁴ I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace."

- **James 3:1 (AMP) LEADERS ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD**

Not many [of you] should become teachers [serving in an official teaching capacity], my brothers and sisters, for you know that we [who are teachers] will ^[a]be judged by a higher standard [because we have assumed greater accountability and more condemnation if we teach incorrectly].

- **Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) BLESSING YOUR LEADER BLESSES YOU**

¹⁷ Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.

- **Matthew 20:26 (NLT) THE BEST LEADERS ARE SERVANTS FIRST**

²⁶ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,

- **Exodus 18:21 (AMP) THE BEST LEADERS ARE HONEST**

²¹ Furthermore, you shall select from all the people competent men who [reverently] fear God, men of truth, those who hate dishonest gain; you shall place these over the people as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:14 (AMP) THE BEST LEADERS HELP**

¹⁴ We [earnestly] urge you, believers, admonish those who are out of line [the undisciplined, the unruly, the disorderly], encourage the timid [who lack spiritual courage], help the [spiritually] weak, be very patient with everyone [always controlling your temper].

- **Hebrews 13:7 (NLT) THE BEST LEADERS HAVE GOOD THAT COME FROM THEIR LIVES**

⁷ Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

- **1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT) THE BEST LEADERS NEED PRAYER TOO**

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. ² Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.