

- Concerning privilege ("**the right**"): _____

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1. **The responsibilities of the congregation toward their leaders appear twice in this chapter.** In our text, we have v. 7, and again in v. 17 (in next week's text). Although our age is afflicted with deep distrust of people in authority and in the institutions they lead, our fellowship enjoys a healthy relationship between the congregation and our leaders (elders and pastors).

- Three of the exhortations are in v. 7, all concerning how the congregation is to regard their leaders: What does it mean to “remember your leaders” and “consider their way of life, and imitate their faith”? What internal postures and outward habits would a congregation need to cultivate in order follow these commands?
- How can a congregation both respect their leaders but also hold them accountable?

- What are the debates over the negotiables in our day, secondary and tertiary issues in which we must not demand unity but graciously give liberty to disagree?
- How can we distinguish between “essentials” on which we must agree and “non-essentials,” where we must be satisfied with various opinions?