

## The Seven Heart Attitudes

1. Put the goals and interests of others above my own.
2. Live an honest, open life before others.
3. Give and receive Scriptural correction.
4. Clear up relationships.
5. Participate in the ministry.
6. Support the work financially.

*Philippians 2:3-4*  
*Ephesians 4:25-26*  
*Hebrews 10:24-25*  
*Matthew 5:23-24*  
*1 Peter 4:10-11*  
*2 Corinthians 9:6-7*  
*Hebrews 13:17*

## **7. Follow spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits.**

### Four basic tasks of every leader...

- Set direction
- Start the group
- Keep the group on track
- Report to those above

### Some Biblical foundations with leadership...

- God is the one who establishes \_\_\_\_\_ and defines its \_\_\_\_\_  
*Romans 13:1-7*
- God \_\_\_\_\_ think or act like we do  
*Isaiah 55:8-9*
- Christ-followers have been given a \_\_\_\_\_  
*Matthew 28:19-20*
- To accomplish the mission, leaders and followers must \_\_\_\_\_ together  
*Ephesians 4:11-13; Acts 20:28*

### Spiritual leadership has standards and limits...

- Standards:  
  - ◊ High \_\_\_\_\_
  - ◊ Proven \_\_\_\_\_
- Limits: Don't follow when a leader...
  - ◊ Is doing \_\_\_\_\_ *Romans 16:17-19; Hebrews 13:7*
  - ◊ Is outside his/her \_\_\_\_\_ *1 Timothy 1:3-4; 1 Peter 5:2-3*
  - ◊ Can't be \_\_\_\_\_ *2 Corinthians 11:13-15*
- Follow legitimate leaders \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
*Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*



## At Hope Church...

- We have \_\_\_\_\_ leaders at every level in the organization *Romans 3:23*
- Spiritual leaders operate under \_\_\_\_\_ and are accountable *Romans 13:1*
- \_\_\_\_\_ goes to the godly, gifted and proven *1 Timothy 3:10*
- Our leaders are \_\_\_\_\_ for those following them *Hebrews 13:7*
- We encourage our members to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible *2 Timothy 3:16*
- We \_\_\_\_\_ to follow spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits *Hebrews 13:17*

## Practicing Heart Attitude #7...

- **Beginner:** Intentionally choose NOT to argue, complain, or gossip when a leader over you makes a decision you disagree with.
- **Intermediate:** Ask appropriate questions, but be easily persuaded by your leaders.
- **Advanced:** Clear up with a leader (and any others present) if you have gossiped or complained about their direction or decisions

## Reflection Questions:

- What could be some reasons why church members don't follow spiritual leaders?
- What are your biggest personal challenges in following spiritual leadership?
- How have you benefited when you have followed spiritual leadership within Scriptural limits?

### Memory Verse (Topic: Heart Attitude #7)

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.*

*Hebrews 13:17 NIV*

## My Next Steps:

- Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- I'll talk with someone about [what it means to be a follower of Jesus](#).
- I'll join a group this fall to learn more and work on practicing the Heart Attitudes.
- I'll pray for God to provide an opportunity to invite \_\_\_\_\_ to church.
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_