

**Scripture:** Ex. 20:1-17 & 1 Thess. 5  
**Singing:** 251:1-3 – 362:1 – 223:1-3 – 368:1, 5 – 436:1, 3 – 44:1-4

CoF: 30-31

A. Jesus' Kingdom

1. exists in the heart of saints (John 3:8; Luke 17:20-21)
2. is a spiritual kingdom of saints together (1 Cor. 12-14)
3. is a governed kingdom by Jesus' representatives (1 Thess. 5:12-13)

<b>The King expects you to treat His servants with respect and love</b>
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I. You are first to recognize your leaders as Jesus' servants among you

- A. Know them which labour among you and are over you in the Lord
1. your spiritual leaders are Christ's representatives: Heb. 13:17; 1 P 5:4
  2. their chief work: *to labor by teaching*
  3. their authority is *delegated*: (Eph. 5:22; 1 Sa 24:6)

II. You are to treat His servants with respect & love

- A. define 'to know them' (Hcat. 104)
- B. define 'esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake'
1. esteem very highly:
  2. esteem very highly *in love*

Important applications:

1. Consider and be careful how you treat Jesus' saints and servants (Act 9:4)
  - a. Saul was convinced he did the right thing (Acts 24:16; 26:9)
  - b. Paul's example in Acts 23:4-5
2. While you are to respect in love, you are not to commit idolatry with any

Dear children,

One of God's blessings to you is to give you leaders. Your parents are your leaders at home. Your pastor and elders are your leaders at church. But what about the deacons? Indeed, they also belong to your leaders. Let's see what you can learn from Jesus about your leaders.

1. What is the main task of your pastor? \_\_\_\_\_  
your elders? \_\_\_\_\_ your deacons? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What are the right words to describe your leaders? Circle the right ones.  
*boss – servant – king – humble – smart – chosen – honored – workers*
3. Right or wrong? If wrong, can you change the sentence to make it right?  
\_\_\_ Our leaders work for the congregation.  
  
\_\_\_ Our leaders must always be obeyed no matter what they say or do  
  
\_\_\_ You are to value your leaders because they are important.
4. Why must you be careful *how* you speak to or about your leaders?
5. What are 3 things to pray about for your leaders?
6. Maybe someday you will be a leader (father, mother, pastor, elder, deacon, teacher or principal, manager, boss). What could you do *now* to prepare for that?

