

MARCH 16

”Power is a gift from God but Spiritual Authority
is the fruit of a relationship with God.

— John Paul Jackson

“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.”

-Hebrews 13:17

“How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth
How beautiful is the body of Christ

-Twila Paris

— REVIVAL IN PASTORS AND LEADERS

My Pastor And Leaders

“And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.” — Jeremiah 3:15

It is hard to calculate the effect and the eternal significance of a faithful pastor who shepherds the local church. In the Bible days you could always tell who the faithful shepherds were, because they were never far away from their flocks. They watched over them day and night. Leading, feeding and protecting them. Finding stray sheep when they wandered off and mending them when they were hurt. The shepherds smelled like the sheep they tended and if you look close on their arms and legs you will notice scars. Not just a few scars but many. Why the scars you ask? Sheep bite. They bite the very hand that feeds them.

When God referred to us as the sheep of His pasture, it was not all that flattering. Sheep can not live in the wild like other animals. They are dependent upon a shepherd to feed and protect them. Shepherds are God's gift to His church to lead, feed and protect His people. He raises up shepherds and gives them His heart for you and what you need to grow. Think of someone you really honor... I mean really honor. Now double that honor and give that to your pastor. *“Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor...”* 1 Timothy 5:17

Meditate on Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 1:1-2

Proclamations and Prayer

“Father, in the name of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit I want to thank you today for my pastor and leaders in my local church. Thank you Father for the gift they are to me. I pray that they will be refreshed and encouraged today. I pray that they will be strengthened with might in their inner man to stand victorious in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen!