

## HONOR GOD'S CHOSEN LEADER

### I Samuel 16: 11-13

Honoring Spiritual Leadership is not being celebrated today as it was when I was younger. People used to respect the office of pastor by supporting the pastor and church with consistent attendance, sacrificing their time to bless others while serving with joy and humility to make God, the church and their leader look good. The church had a passion to witness other lives changed as we are being changed.

Some people do not like their chosen leader for a variety of reasons. The Bible does not instruct us to agree with the pastor but it does tell us to honor our leader. There is no single person that we agree with all the time but that does not negate our honoring them. (parents)

Jesus chose twelve disciples for his leadership team and he called one of them the devil. Judas was a trusted devil since he was the treasure of the group yet Jesus chose and honored him with this sacred office. Unfortunately Judas loved money more than he did ministry since he sold him out for thirty pieces of silver. Never love money more than ministry because it might cost your life as it did Judas. Learn to honor Spiritual Leadership.

Let me share with you three reasons why we should honor God's chosen leader.

1. Chosen Leaders are Appointed by God. (vs. 11)
  - A. Beyond their appearance is godly experience
  - B. Blessed ambassador who graciously excels
  
2. Chosen Leaders are Approved by God. (vs. 12)
  - A. Arise and bless the chosen one
  - B. Anoint and behold the chosen one
  
3. Chosen Leaders are Appreciated by God. (vs.13)
  - A. Applaud the leader's decision to serve
  - B. Affirm the leader's devotion for service