

## Spiritual Abuse Pt5

### I CORINTHIANS 9:16-18

16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, **woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**
17. For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.
18. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, **that I abuse not my power in the gospel.**

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS PT3 [57-1006]

If a family ever loses its respect for the family (**the children lose the respect to the parents), that family's tore to pieces.** If a--**if a church ever loses respect of its pastor,** why it--it--it--**that church is gone.**

### I TIMOTHY 5:17-19

17. **Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.**
18. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.
19. Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

### TITUS 1:5

5. For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city,** as I had appointed thee:

### TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS [62-0601]

...Paul established churches in different parts of the country. **Each one of these churches, he left someone who was in order, a man that was trustworthy, a man that was known as a pastor, shepherd.**

### I PETER 5:1-3

1. The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
2. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3. **Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.**

#### HEBREWS CHAPTER FIVE AND SIX PT1 [57-0908M]

**I believe in the supreme authority of the local assembly.** Yes. Let each church be its own, choose its pastors, its deacons, its, whatever it is. And then, that way, **the man in there has no bishop over him.** The Holy Spirit wants to speak something to that church, **they don't have to ask anybody about whether they could do this or do that.** **It's the individual in contact with the Holy Spirit.** Show me by the Bible what's greater, in the Bible, than a local elder to a local church? That's right, yes, sir, **the sovereignty of the local church, each church in itself.** Now, brotherhood, that's wonderful. All churches ought to be in a brotherhood like that, together. But **the sovereignty of local church!**

#### HEBREWS CHAPTER SEVEN PT2 [57-0922E]

That's the way He runs his church. That's the way it is in the Bible. **That's the order of the Bible. That's the sovereignty of the local church. The pastor is the head.** That's right. Amen.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0516]

**The pastor is always the head of the church, the pastor is always. That's God's elder.** In organizations, you have to come through the bishop. Now, the Bible... **there's no higher order in the Bible than the elder of the church. Just tell me where it's at.** **There's no higher order in the Bible for the church than the elder, which is the pastor.** He's the highest order of the Bible.

#### CHURCH ORDER [58-1007]

The pastor must be a man that has got a very humble way about him, but not too humble but what he could be like the Lord Jesus Christ when He seen wrong going on in the church, He platted ropes and ran them out of the church. And now the Church of God is the highest of judgment, and the pastor is the highest order in the Church. **The elder is the highest thing in the apostolic Church, outside of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings His Message straight to the elder, and the elder gives It to the people.**

#### IF GOD BE WITH US THEN WHERE IS ALL THE MIRACLES? [61-1231E]

How can He be the same yesterday, today, and forever, and still Divine healing gone? How can the power, how can... The Bible set in order, "First apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, for a vindications that the Gospel still lives." And **God sends them right among us, and we turn our back on it. God doesn't fail, it's the people's failed.**

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Now I want to say that **I believe in leadership. But it is not the leadership of men I believe in.** I believe in the leadership of the Holy Ghost coming through the Word. **I believe also, that God has set men in the church, men who are gifted by the Spirit;** and they will keep the church in order. I believe that. I believe also that the church is ruled over by men that God sends to take charge. But that rule is BY THE WORD, so **that it is not men really ruling but the SPIRIT OF GOD,** for the Word and Spirit are ONE.

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But see what was happening back there. That false vine was getting a hold and it was teaching that rulership by man was right. It taught that the church had to be governed. It taught a **control over the people,** but instead of doing it God's way, they simply took authority and vested all the spiritual power in their own hands and came out with a holy priesthood standing between God and the people. They went right back to the old Aaronic system. **They became antichrist for they disposed of His mediator-ship and imposed their own. God hated that. The Ephesians hated that and any true believer will hate it too.**

**We would have to be stone blind not to see that same thing at work all through the ages and right now it is the worst of all. What it was, was organization. That separated the people. God's people are supposed to be one.** By ONE Spirit are they ALL baptized into one body and **EVERYONE is to be moved upon by the Holy Ghost and EVERYONE is to participate in the worship of God. But men wanted the preeminence,** so they took over control, and bishops became archbishops, and with imposing titles **they by-passed the Word of God and taught their own doctrines.**

They got the people to obey them until the time came that **their way of worship did not in any way at all resemble the early days after Pentecost.**

THE CHOOSING OF A BRIDE [65-0429E]

It's too bad that we ever got away from the real Leader that God left us to lead the Church. He never sent state presbyters. **He never sent a bishops, cardinals, priests, popes. He sent the Holy Ghost for the Church, to lead the Church.**

SHOW US THE FATHER [61-0521]

**We listen to bishops and archbishops and cardinals and priests, when we ought to be listening to the Holy Spirit.** For that was what was given to lead the Church.

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728]

Don't you fail this. **The Body, therefore, cannot recognize any other headship but the Word.** Cause, the--the Head is connected with the Body, and the Head is the Word, and it's the same Word, one Headship! Therefore, denominations, and holy fathers, and **everything else, is dead dung. There is one Headship, that's Christ. The Body only recognizes one thing, the Word!**

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728]

**Our Headship is in Heaven. I'm not going to Rome; I'm going to Heaven when I die.** See? See? The Headship is in Heaven.

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728]

**She can't recognize another headship. No, sir. There's no bishop, no nothing. She recognizes one Headship, that's Christ, and Christ is the Word.** Oh, my! Whew! I love that.

ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM [61-0423]

...the Holy Spirit was made Tutor over the house of God, not some dominating bishop, not some overpowering organization, not some of these man-made theories. **The child of God is to listen to the Holy Spirit, the writing of the Word:** the real child of God, the real son of Abraham.

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Instead of the straight Word of God, **instead of the Spirit-filled men in the church who were led by Spirit-given revelation,** there are now creeds, and by-laws, and the educated guesses of educated men. **Learning has taken the place of revelation. Reason has replaced faith. Program has replaced spontaneous praise in the Holy Ghost. It wasn't so from the beginning.** The whole specie has changed. **It has become a hybrid church.**

ELIJAH [53-1018]

What's the matter? **You've substituted theology for the Holy Spirit.** That's exactly right. You've took church creed and took in the place, and let the church creed govern the church when the Holy Ghost ought to have the way in the church to lead the church. That's exactly right. **You'll have to come back to God's program before God can ever turn anything. It's got to be God in you.** Amen.