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Have you been taught something like this concept in your church? Is this the idea or concept that is taught as "pastoral authority" or "submitting to authority".....

God has set some people in the church---pastors--or perhaps they are called bishops or elders or priests or presbyters---Whatever they are called--they are leaders of the church.

And these leaders have been put there by God to have authority over the people within the church.

These leaders are chosen by God and have authority over the rest of the people in the church--the congregation--the body--the people--the lay-people.

They are the "ministers".

And these people, who are "in authority" have the God-given right to use this authority over others within the church--to make decisions--to make rules--to "rule".

And we are commanded to "submit" to this authority. The Bible tells us to submit to authority--to submit to the pastor.

If we are going to be obedient to God--we must submit to the authority of the leadership. The Bible tells us that if we submit to authority, it will benefit us.

Gods authority--His "delegated authority" within the church, are our benefactors, and we ought to submit to this authority.

WE should submit to "them that have the rule over us".

There is someone--one or perhaps a group of people within the church that have the rule over the rest--and we should submit to them that rule over us.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves:....." (Hebrews 13:17A).

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