



Galatians 2:11-16 Leadership
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“The response God appoints is given in the beginning of Hebrews 13:17: ‘Obey your leaders and submit to them.’ I said to a group of pastors gathered...that I was not especially eager to preach on this phrase. There are cultural reasons and Biblical reasons that make it difficult. Culturally, the defining spirit in America today is self-determination, not submission to the will of another. The ultimate value in America is the unencumbered self. Anything that enhances my individual liberty to do as I please is good. And anything that encumbers me and limits my ability to do as I please is bad. Self is king. And autonomy is the highest law. That makes this text culturally outrageous...” **John Piper**

“Each generation has to meet and resolve its own leadership problems, and we today are facing an acute crisis in leadership in many spheres. Crisis succeeds crisis, yet our leaders come up with few solutions, and the prognosis is by no means reassuring. The church has not escaped this dearth of authoritative leadership. Her voice, which once sounded a clarion call of hope to beleaguered humanity, is now strangely muted, and her influence in the world community has become minimal. The salt has largely lost its savor, and the light its radiance. Merely to bemoan this state of affairs is counterproductive. A more constructive approach would be to discover afresh the principles and factors that inspired the dynamic spiritual leadership of Paul and the other apostles in the halcyon days of the church. We need not only discover them, but to endeavor to apply them to our own situation. Spiritual principles are timeless; they do not change from generation to generation.” **J. Oswald Sanders**

“This is important. If Paul had not taken his stand against Peter that day, either the whole Christian church would have drifted into a Jewish backwater and stagnated, or there would have been a permanent rift between Gentile and Jewish Christendom...Paul’s outstanding courage on that occasion resisting Peter preserved both the truth of the gospel and the international brotherhood of the church.” **John Stott**