



## **LEADERS' REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF FOLLOWERS**

**J.J. Turner, Ph.D. ©**

Just as followers have a right to expect certain things from leaders; leaders have a right to expect certain things from followers. Followers, too, are stewards of the Gospel and mission of the church. They must be faithful (1 Corinthians 4:1, 2). Many of the expectations of leaders are also expectations of followers. Here are few of those expectations:

1. Followers should be under the Lordship of Christ (Luke 6:40, 46).
2. Followers should be faithful servants (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 11:6).
3. Followers will be at certain levels of spiritual growth (Ephesians 4:11-16).
4. Some followers will be divisive and carnal (1 Corinthians 1:10; 3:1-9).
5. Some followers will need to be fed milk (Hebrews 5:12-14).
6. In time followers should become teachers (Hebrews 5:12).
7. Sadly, some will leave the faith (1 Timothy 4:1-7; 2 Peter 2:20, 21).
8. Followers should be in the Sunday assembly (Hebrews 10:25).
9. Followers should care for one another (1 Corinthians 12; Galatians 6:1, 2).
10. Followers are expected to encourage one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24).
11. Followers are expected to "obey" those who lead (i.e. elders, Hebrews 13:17).
12. Followers should be amenable to training for service (2 Timothy 2:1-3).
13. Followers should be doers of the Word (James 1:21-25).
14. Followers are expected to give financially as they have prospered (2 Corinthians 8 & 9).



## JEREMIAH INSTITUTE

J. J. TURNER

[jeremiahinst@aol.com](mailto:jeremiahinst@aol.com)

[www.jeremiahinstitute.com](http://www.jeremiahinstitute.com)

2

15 Followers must “grow in grace and knowledge” (2 Peter 1:1-13).

As both leaders and followers work on developing the expectations God has of them, both will develop in the expectations each expect from each other. The goal of both leaders and followers is to glorify God in the church (Ephesians 3:21). As both leaders and followers do what God expects, the Kingdom grows in all areas: (1) evangelism, (2) edification, and (3) equipping.