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Vss. 7 & 24 tell us what Leadership looks like in the life of a believer.**(:7) Be Appreciative**

- Rule over = go before / lead
- Spoken = taught
- Whose faith follow = imitate
 - The strongest faith is required when things are going wrong & God seems far off.
re. BR during mutiny

(:17) Be Cooperative

- Obey = yield / do not resist
- Be submissive = cooperation based on trust
 - if you can't trust church leaders & feel compelled to resist them, why are they your leaders?
- Let them... = cf. It's a lot more fun to ride a horse than a mule...
 - When horse & rider become one...
 - Horse gets to run & feel the wind against his face...
 - The mule gets to feel spurs & whip - just to get him to go into the barn where the food is
The only thing the mule accomplishes is to make life miserable for himself & his rider
- Leadership, in the life of a believer, means appreciating & cooperating with those appointed by God to lead you.

Vss. 8-16 tell us what Worship looks like in the life of a believer.**(:8-15) Be Devoted**

- Jesus is first leader to remember (cf. :7)
- (:8-9) The methods may change, but the message doesn't.
 - grace = reality of relationship; foods = religious rituals, no profit
 - don't go back
- (:10) We have an altar = the sacrifice of Jesus (re. stone altars: house on rock, "on this rock...")
- (:11) Animals = sin offering on Day of Atonement
- (:12-13) Go to Him (not religion) = the cross is place of rejection/reproach (electric chair / not lightly)
- (:14-15) Continuous praise - to Him (≠ what He's done for you, = who He is) especially in struggles
 - Job, Daniel

(:16) Be Generous

- (Matt. 10:8) re. gifts from God - *Freely you have received, freely give.*
- (Acts 2:44-47) *Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.*
- God never counts the amount given; He counts the cost (cf. widows mite)
 - When you give generously, sacrificially or your time, treasure & talent, (:16b) *God is well pleased.*

(:18-19) Be Praying

- When you love someone, it's only natural that you want to talk with them.
 - More than asking for things; Sharing your heart, letting the Lord share His.
- Worship in the life of a believer involves Devotion, Generosity & Prayer

Vss. 20-21 tell us what Lordship looks like in the life of a believer.**(:20-21) Be Dependent**

- (:21a) Complete/perfect = equip
 - Word = Dr.: set bone, Fisherman: mend net, Sailor: outfit for a voyage, Soldier: equip for battle

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- He equips us - to do His will - (:21b) working in you... (sometimes it hurts!)
 - Shepherd break leg, carry on shoulders
- How? (based on "equip"): Word, prayer, fellowship, individuals, suffering
- :20-21 = good daily prayer

(:22) **Be Warned**

- In one ear and out the other... in one eye...
- So says the Spirit of God.
- Don't ignore or forget the many warnings about turning away.

(:23-25) **Be A Grace Person**

- It is the grace of God that draws us, saves us & keeps us.
- Grace is part of God's nature & His nature never changes.
 - 'Cuz of His grace, God loves and accepts you, not 'cuz of anything about you, but in spite of everything about you.
- And having received such grace, we have no excuse to be anything but gracious toward each other.