

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Pastor Tony Felich

The Curse of Bad Leaders

Isaiah 56:9-12

September 4, 2017

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>[9] All you beasts of the field, come to devour— all you beasts in the forest.</p> <p>[10] His watchmen are blind; they are all without knowledge; they are all silent dogs; they cannot bark, dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber.</p> <p>[11] The dogs have a mighty appetite; they never have enough. But they are shepherds who have no understanding; they have all turned to their own way, each to his own gain, one and all.</p> <p>[12] “Come,” they say, “let me get wine; let us fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow will be like this day, great beyond measure.”</p>	<p><b>The enemies of God salivate when the Church has godless leaders</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. Enemies of God and His people are always ready to pounce (9)</li><li>II. Common traits of godless leadership (10-12)<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Spiritually blind and ignorant</li><li>b. Pre-occupied with the present</li><li>c. Not ready to defend</li><li>d. Lazy</li><li>e. Selfish</li><li>f. Drag followers down with them</li></ol></li><li>III. Godly leaders function as watchmen and shepherds (10,11)</li></ol> <p><b>Memory verse for 2017-</b></p> <p>Isaiah 48:17</p> <p>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.</p>

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## Sermon Application Questions

1. Discuss how bad leadership contributed to Judah's demise and how the same kind of leadership has caused hardship for people in history.

2. How are leaders in the church supposed to function as Watchmen and Shepherds?

3. Discuss this statement by Matthew Henry about leaders leading people to sin.

*The watchmen did thus invite and encourage one another to drink to excess, or they courted the people to sit and drink with them, and so confirmed those in their wicked ways, and hardened their hearts, whom they should have reprov'd. How could they think it any harm to be drunk when the watchmen themselves joined with them and led them to it! - Matthew Henry*

4. Related to the issue of leadership and in light of RPC's recent ordaining of new church officers, discuss the PCA's Book of Church Order's statement about elders in the church:

***The office of Elder*** is one of dignity and usefulness. The man who fills it has in Scripture different titles expressive of his various duties. As he has the oversight of the flock of Christ, he is termed bishop or pastor. As it is his duty to be grave and prudent, an example to the flock, and to govern well in the house and Kingdom of Christ, he is termed presbyter or elder.

*He that fills this office should possess a competency of human learning and be blameless in life, sound in the faith and apt to teach. He should exhibit a sobriety and holiness of life becoming the Gospel.*

*It belongs to those in the office of elder to watch diligently over the flock committed to his charge, that no corruption of doctrine or of morals enter therein. They must exercise government and discipline, and take oversight not only of the spiritual interests of the particular church, but also the Church generally when called thereunto.*

## Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: