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A guide of others ought to have authority in commanding, Eccli. 17[:14]: “Over every nation God set,” namely, not flesh, not the world, “but rulers,” that is prelates according to that of the Apo. 2[:26]: “I will give him power over the nations,” etc.

Second, conformity in observances, Eccli. 32[:1]: “Have they made you ruler? be not lifted up, be among them (as one of them).” Not over them by oppression, not under them as a manager, not after them by remission, not beyond them by singularity, but among them by unity and this because co-membership, although the head, Apo. 7[:17] the fire “which is in the midst of the throne, shall rule them.”

¶ Third, sagacity in negotiations, Eccli. 49[:17]: “Joseph, who was a man,” who is a rational animal, “born prince of his brethren, the support of his family, the ruler of his brethren.” And this because the dispenser who is of the king rules Israel.

Fourth, holiness in deeds who is an example of others, Eccli. 10[:2]: “What manner of man the ruler of a city is, such also are they that dwell therein.” But alas because Dan. 13[:5]: “Iniquity came out from Babylon, from the ancient judges, that seemed to govern the people.”

Fifth, utility in offices because he is the head itself who ought to have influence on the members, sense, and motion, Eccli. 10[:4]: “He will raise up a just ruler” over Israel.

Sixth, goodness in watching because he is a shepherd, Psal. [47:15]: “He shall rule us for evermore.”

Seventh, inflexibility in judgments because he is a judge, Eccli. 33[:19]: “Hear me, you great men, and all you people, and hearken with your ears, you rulers of the church,” etc. Rom. 15[:12]: “He that shall rise up to rule the saints, in him” such ones shall have honor, Eccli. 10[:24]: “In the midst of brethren their chief is honorable.”