



Authority



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submission AND REBELLION

God is the ultimate and rightful authority over all people. He created you and then, when you strayed from Him, along with everyone else, He purchased you with His death. So, you are twice His -- His because He created you and His because He purchased you from Satan's dominion. God has twice earned His place of authority in your life.

In the following passages, how is God's authority characterized?

For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. 1 Peter 2:25

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11

A **shepherd** speaks of the kindest of authorities – with your best interests in mind. Would you be willing to trust Him with your life and yield to His direction?

God has delegated authorities over every person. If you stay under (obey) the human authorities He has provided, you stay under God's authority. Just as the Bible says, *...For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.*

1 John 4:20, anyone who does not yield to human authorities, is not yielded to God's. Your obedience to God is measured by your submission to human authority.

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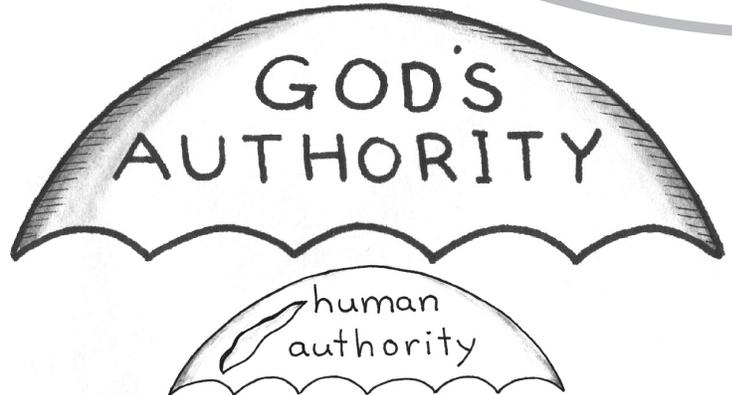


If you are submitted to authority, you will

- ✓ Yield to authority
- ✓ Cooperate with authority
- ✓ Obey authority
- ✓ Do what an authority asks with a good attitude
- ✓ Contribute to the authority's success
- ✓ Contribute to the success of the authority's vision – what they are trying to accomplish

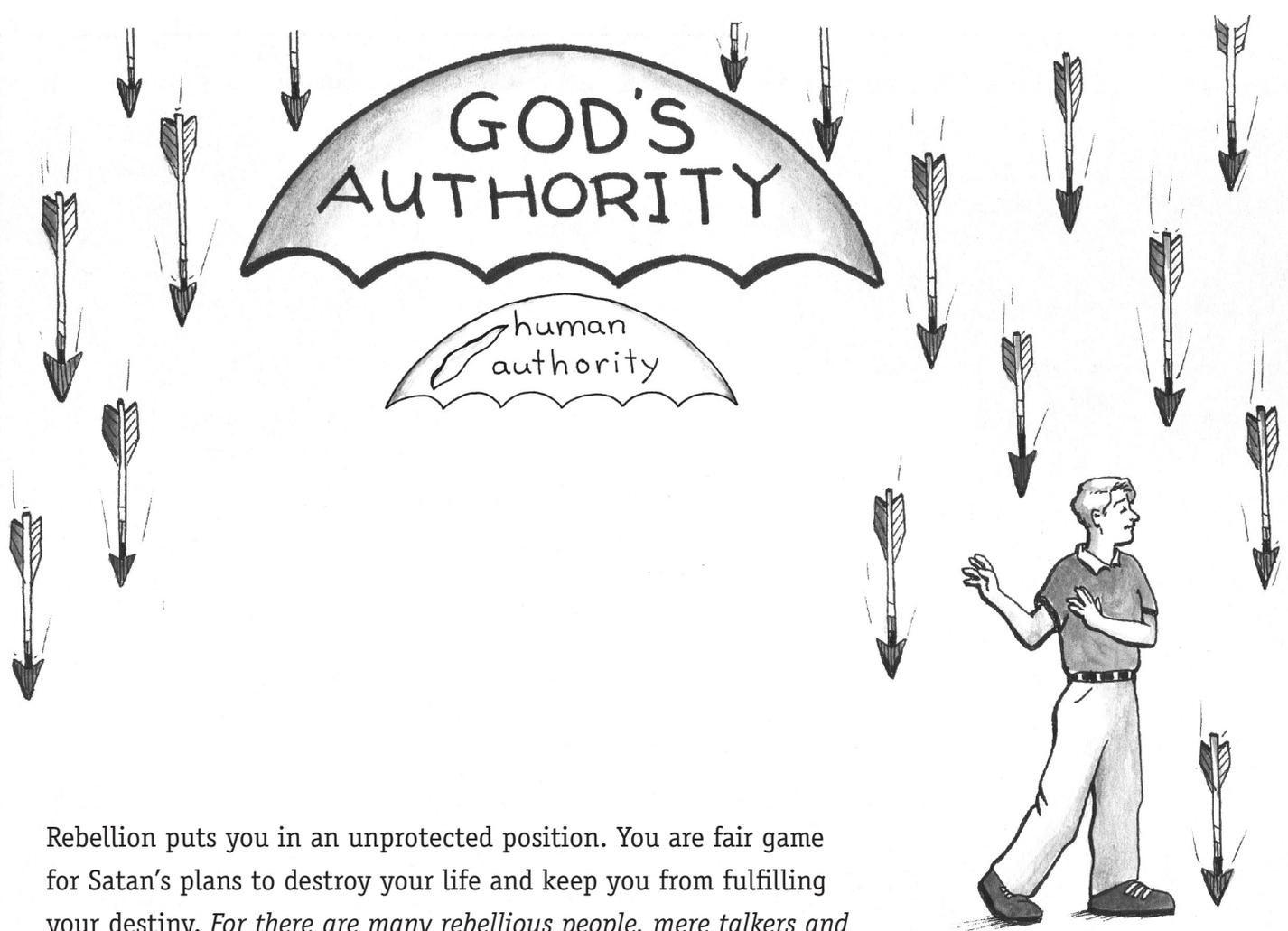
If you are submitted to authority, both God's and human, you will keep yourself in a place of

- ✓ safety,
- ✓ blessing,
- ✓ character development and growth,
- ✓ being able to receive guidance,
- ✓ receiving God's provision for your needs,
- ✓ influence with people,
- ✓ and authority over Satan.



Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

The pictures show a hole in the umbrella of human authority. This shows that all human authorities are imperfect in some way. If you stay under their authority anyway, God will cover you even where human authority fails.



Rebellion puts you in an unprotected position. You are fair game for Satan's plans to destroy your life and keep you from fulfilling your destiny. *For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. Titus 1:10,16* From this passage, list the qualities of rebellious Christians.

If you have a rebellious heart, you become unfit for doing anything good, the ...*good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10* You become unfit and unable to fulfill that destiny prepared for you.

"But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices. Psalm 81:11-12 If you insist on keeping a stubborn heart, God withdraws His guidance and allows you to go your own way which leads to death. (Speaking of the Israelites) *Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin. Psalm 106:43*

According to the above Scriptures, what is the cost of rebellion?

If you are rebellious to authority, you will

- ✓ Resist authority, either actively or passively,
- ✓ Not cooperate with authority, be stubborn
- ✓ Disobey authority
- ✓ Obey authority, but with a bad attitude
- ✓ Undermine or criticize the authority's attempts for success
- ✓ Undermine, criticize, or lack enthusiasm toward the success of the authority's vision –
what they are trying to accomplish

When you are in a position under authority, but you are rebellious, you will tend to be

- ✓ Critical
- ✓ Gossiping
- ✓ Questioning
- ✓ Stirring up strife
- ✓ Discontent—things are never good enough
- ✓ Distrustful

The result is that it will be hard for leaders to lead you and release you into ministry.

When you are in a position of authority, but you are rebellious, you will tend to be

- ✓ Intolerant
- ✓ Fearful
- ✓ Domineering
- ✓ Authoritative
- ✓ Unteachable
- ✓ Controlling of others out of insecurity
- ✓ Jealous of others
- ✓ Suspicious of other's motives because yours are impure

The result is that it will be hard for people to submit to and trust you. You will hurt people.

◆➔ **Read Romans 13:1-7.**

From whom do human authorities receive their right to exercise their authority?

As God's servants, what are they to do?

As God's servants, when you submit to them, you are actually submitting to _____.
Therefore, what should be the motivation of your obedience (verse 5)?

What is the bigger picture, then, for those who rebel against human authorities?

To whom do you owe respect and honor (verse 7)? List the people.



Until you come to an adult age, you need to yield to your parents' wishes and directives. In most cases, the more they see that you truly listen and follow their advice and directives, the more they will trust you to make wise decisions. They will feel less constrained to limit your activities because you have proven yourself willing to follow their counsel.



List any times that you disobeyed the following Scriptures.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" -- which is the first commandment with a promise -- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3

The eye that mocks a father, that scorns obedience to a mother, will be pecked out by the ravens of the valley, will be eaten by the vultures. Proverbs 30:17

A fool spurns his father's discipline, but whoever heeds correction shows prudence. Proverbs 15:5



Take time now to ask God to forgive you for any specific instances that came to mind.

When you become an adult, the following commandment (one of the Ten Commandments) still applies to you: *"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12*

To honor your parents means to show respect to them (whether they are worthy of respect or not). To honor them is to recognize their value and worth in God's eyes. You are not obligated to obey them, but the Scriptures teach you to seek and value their counsel. Because they have lived longer, they have perspective that you do not have and from which you could benefit. *Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Proverbs 23:22 My son, keep your father's commands and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them upon your heart forever; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you. Proverbs 6:20-22*

When you become a parent, it is your responsibility to make sure your children, from the time they are very small, fulfill the Scriptures that tell them to obey you. Never give them a directive unless you are fully ready to follow through on it, making sure that they obey you when you have said it once. No directive is too small. No excuse is acceptable for not following through (too busy, too tired).

The eternal souls of your children are at stake because if they learn to obey you the **first time you give them a directive**, they will learn to obey God immediately. If they do not learn to obey you, they will not respect God's directives either. If they disobey God, they will experience destructive

consequences. God must bring other authorities in place as He continues to try to teach them to obey Him. *An evil man is bent only on rebellion; a merciless official will be sent against him.* Proverbs 17:11

Society bears the repercussions of children's disobedient choices. *They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed*

*and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, **God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.** Romans 1:29-31 (emphasis mine)*



husbands AND WIVES

The more distant the relationship between people within the social structure, the more authority will be evidenced and obedience expected. This is seen between police and citizen, teacher and student, employer and employee, and parent and young child.

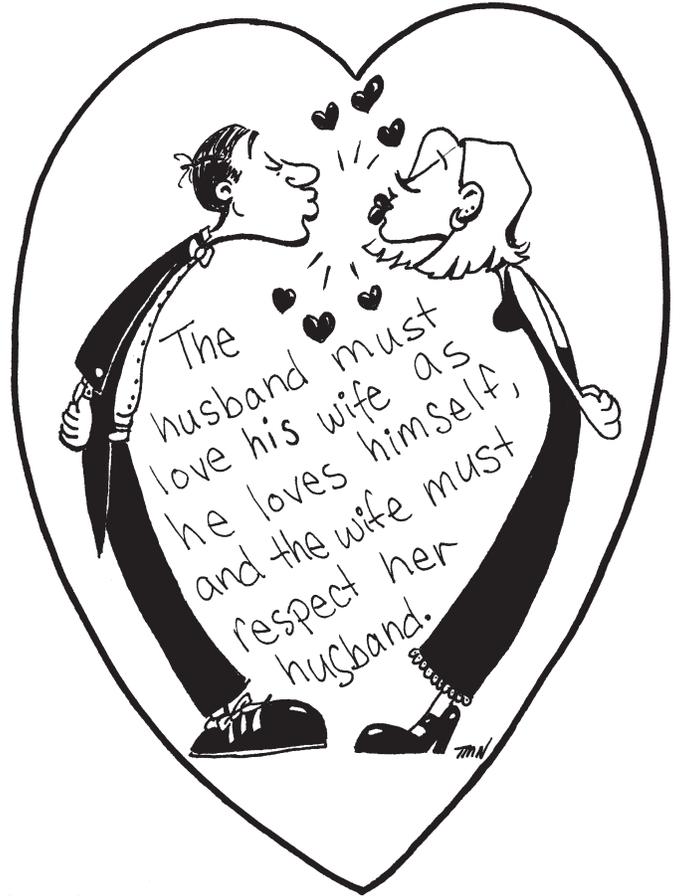
The closer the relationship between people within a social structure, the less authority will be evidenced. As a child matures into adolescence and adulthood, the relationship between his/her parents and him/her should gradually change from one of absolute authority to one of counsel and influence because parent and child are now two adults.

The relationship between husband and wife is the closest of all. Because of this, there should be very few of the aspects of the authority structure one sees in police/citizen, employer/employee, and parent/young child relationships. Instead, there should be far more aspects of loving influence and respect-filled cooperation. Ephesians 5:33 sums it up. *However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.*

◆ Read Ephesians 5:21-33.

List the descriptions in verses 25-28 of how Christ loves you, a member of the church. Include His goals.

A husband should care for his wife with these goals in mind.



According to verses 28-30, Christ views you as a part of His own body. He wants to take care of you as someone would take care of his physical body. He instructs husbands to take care of their wives in the same way.

List the ways you yield to and cooperate with Christ's attempts to care for you, wanting the best for you. Remember the description and goals you listed in the first question.

A wife should yield to and cooperate with her husband's loving care in these ways.

Neither husband nor wife should force, control, manipulate, undermine, belittle, or intimidate the other spouse.

According to verse 31, the husband and wife are, in reality, one body. How do you care for your body? How would you apply that analogy to caring for another person – what would it look like in daily interactions?



After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it... Ephesians 5:29 Don't hate each other by speaking hateful, destructive words or doing thoughtless, mean actions. Treat each other as you should treat your own body -- kindly.

There is a wide range of opinion within Christian teaching as to how the social structure within marriage should be interpreted. Before you marry, or within your marriage, come to an agreement as to what it will look like in **your** marriage. Whatever you decide, *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.* *Philippians 2:3-4*

Government and School ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITIES

➡ Read 1 Peter 2:12-17.

For whose sake are you to submit to governing authorities?

How would this truth help you when the authorities are not worthy?

You submit to their authority in obedience and honor for God, regardless of the worthiness of the authorities.

According to verses 12 and 15, what is the larger purpose for obeying civil authorities?



In Acts 5:27-29, the Scriptures make an exception when you must choose between obeying governing authorities or obeying God's commands. But, in this case, obedience to God must **not** be done with an attitude of rebellion against human authority. *Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this (Jesus') name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's (Jesus Christ's) blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"*

Have you openly or quietly done contrary to what you were asked to do by law enforcement officers, school policies, city laws, state or federal laws including traffic laws and tax laws?



Take time now to make a list and repent for each.

Are there any offenses for which you need to make restitution?

work AUTHORITIES

The Scriptures that refer to slaves and masters should be applied to employers and employees.

•➔ **Read Ephesians 6:5-9.**

With what **attitude and mindset** are you to obey your employer? Of what spiritual reality are you to remain aware?

From whom do you expect your reward for your work?

How would these spiritual realities help you keep a good attitude at work?

As an employer, what would it look like to fulfill verse 9?

•➔ **Read Titus 2:9-10.**

What would it look like to do your work in a way that pleases your employer?

In what way would being late, taking extra time on breaks, chatting too much with fellow workers, making personal phone calls be stealing from your employer?

Do you do anything at work that you would not want your boss to know about?

What does your employer and fellow employees think about your Christian example?

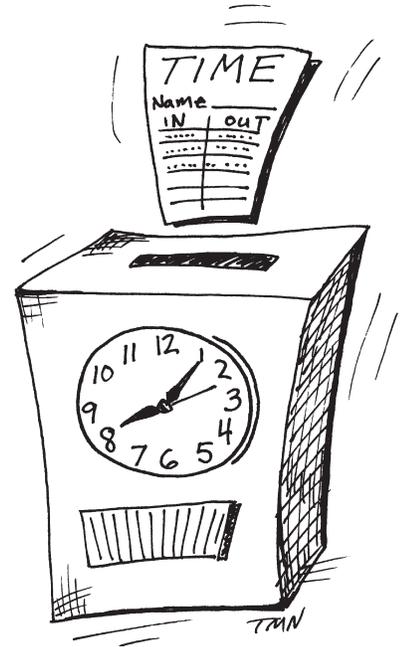
Have you openly or quietly done contrary to what you were asked to do by your employer?
Have you resisted his/her authority?



If so, ask God to forgive you. Do whatever is necessary to make restitution where appropriate, and ask God to help you change your ways.

According to verse 10, why should your behavior be above reproach?

An eternal soul may be in the balance.

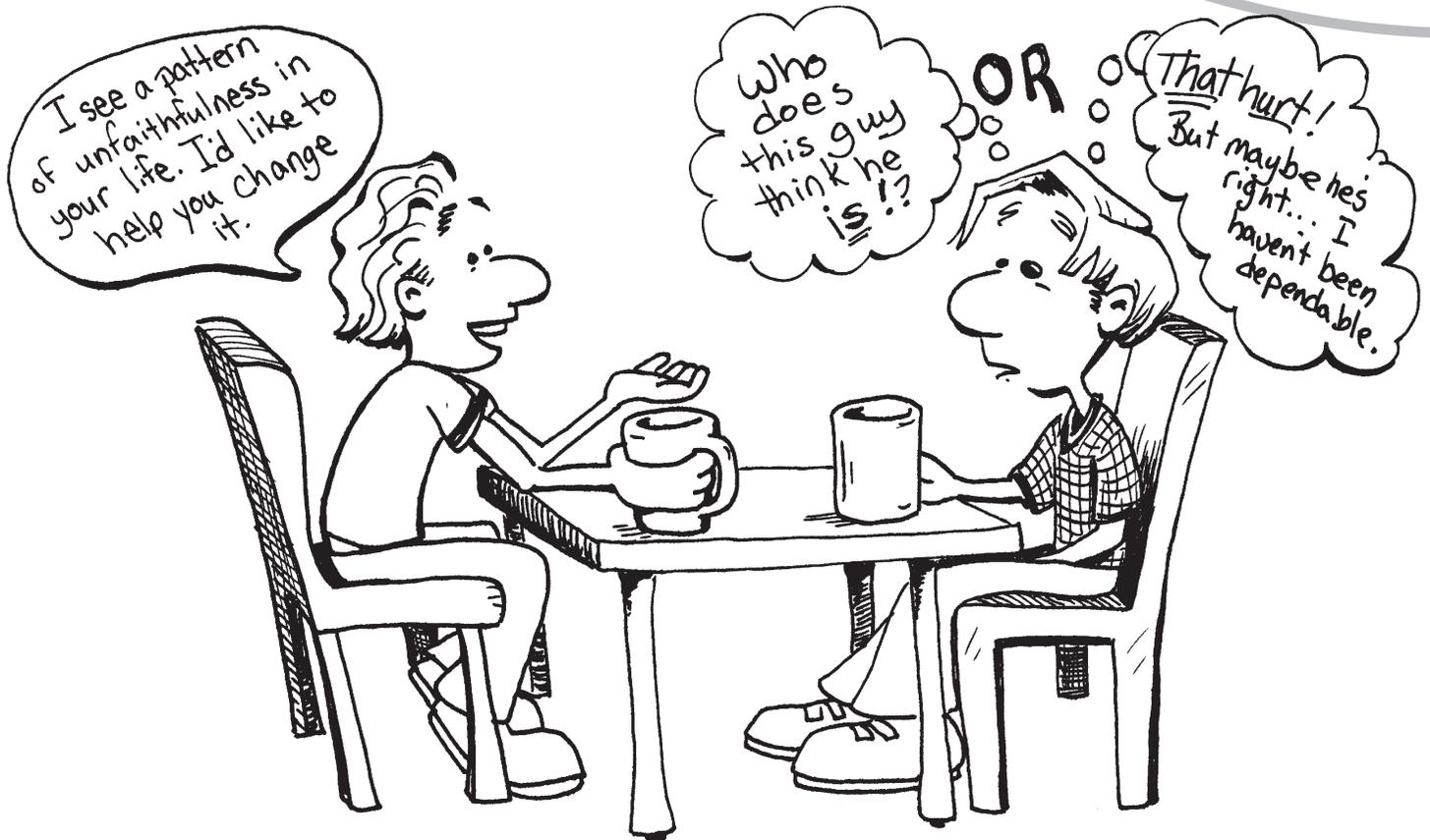


church LEADERS

◆ Read Hebrews 13:17.

To whom must your Christian leaders give account and for what are they accountable?

How can you make their work a joy and of greatest advantage to you?



Evaluate how much joy you bring to your Christian leaders by yielding to their authority. Mark the boxes that apply.

- Do you faithfully keep your appointments with your small group leader or mentor?
- Do you come to your appointments with questions in order to glean the most from him/her and use your time together strategically for your growth?
- Do you do the assignments he/she gives you?
- Do you take notes and seek to apply the sermons and Bible studies to your daily life?
- Are you open to correction?
- Are you teachable?
- Are you open and accountable with your life?
- Do you seek to immediately make recommended changes in your personal life and in your ministry?
- When you think about the leader, do you pray for him/her rather than rehearsing his/her weaknesses?
- If you have a criticism or feel he/she has wronged you, do you talk to them only and no one else?
- Do your words and actions honor your spiritual leaders?



Take time now to ask God to help you make any specific changes.

Choose one church, Christian group, and/or small group and commit yourself to them. You are an imperfect person with imperfect understandings of Christian living committing yourself to an imperfect leader and imperfect people. When things go well, you are benefited. When people hurt or frustrate you, you are benefited -- in a different way. By choosing to stay connected and practice the Christian grace of forgiveness and bearing with one another, your roots grow deep. Planted people flourish. *The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12-13*

How to be in authority as a Christian leader

In order to be a good leader who brings health and life to the people you lead, you must live a lifestyle of submission to authority yourself, being a yielding, cooperative person.

The Christian philosophy of leadership and authority is patterned after Christ's example.

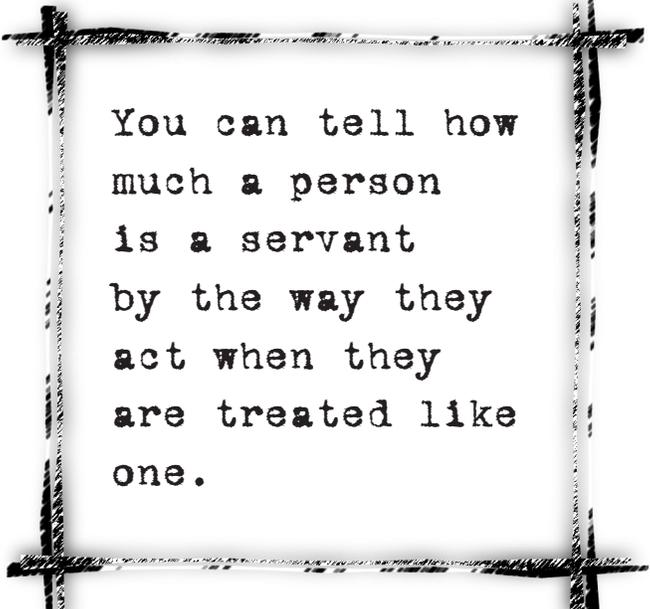
➔ **Read Mark 10:42-45.**

Compare the two motivations for leadership and authority as they are described in this passage.

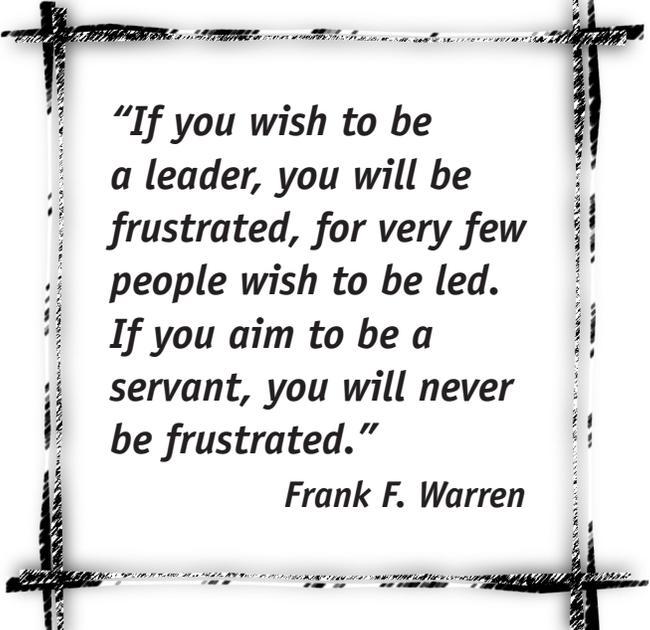
Christ teaches to use your power to serve and bless people rather than to control and intimidate them.

How far did Christ go to serve you?

Christian leadership demands the same from anyone who aspires to be great in God's kingdom – to lay down your life for the people you lead.



You can tell how
much a person
is a servant
by the way they
act when they
are treated like
one.



*"If you wish to be
a leader, you will be
frustrated, for very few
people wish to be led.
If you aim to be a
servant, you will never
be frustrated."*

Frank F. Warren

➤ **Keep your place in Mark 10:42-45 and read 1 Peter 5:1-7.**

What themes of Christ's teaching on the use of authority (from Mark 10:42-45) do you see here?
What is your attitude as a leader to be?

What does it look like for a leader **and** the one under authority to be *clothed with humility toward one another*?

According to verses 5 and 6, being humble toward God is seen by your humility toward each other. The path to greatness in God's Kingdom is the path of the servant, walking in humility.

Evaluate your attitude of serving as a leader. Mark the boxes that apply.

- Do you refrain from complaining about the sacrifices you make?**
- Do you graciously extend your time and energy to those who are under you in the Lord?**
- Do you pray faithfully for them?**
- Do you lovingly and humbly correct them, mindful of your own weaknesses?**
- Do you pray and prepare studies in order to do your part in seeing them fulfill their God-given destiny?**



Take time now to ask God to help you make any specific changes.

how to respond to WEAKNESS (REAL OR PERCEIVED) IN AUTHORITIES ...both church and secular authorities

Someday, because of their imperfections or yours, you will probably experience hurt or frustration in your relationship with an authority. All people in authority are imperfect. When you are a leader, you will be imperfect, too. How you choose to respond to the situation will have a profound impact on whether or not you and those you influence become deeper, stronger Christians.

Judas was one of Jesus' closest friends. At one time, he loved Jesus. Maybe Judas became disappointed or frustrated or disillusioned that Jesus was not taking the necessary political actions to overthrow the Romans and set up His kingdom. Jesus wasn't doing things the way Judas thought they should be done. Judas didn't understand Jesus. He, who was once loyal and zealous, became a betrayer.

The potential to be a Judas is within you, too. If you allow hurt or frustration or disagreement to fester, they can develop into an act of betrayal where there was once loyalty.

"It is important that we learn how to distinguish between an authority's position under God and his human personality. We are to reverence an authority's position, although at the same time we may be very aware of personality deficiencies.

To say that we reject an authority because we do not respect him would be as much in error as tearing up a speeding ticket because we didn't like the attitude of the arresting officer." (*Institute in Basic Youth Conflicts* by Bill Gothard, 1975, *Authority and Responsibility*, p. 19. Used with permission.)



Submit to the leader out of conscience toward God. Respect his/her **position** even though personal trust and respect may have been eroded. God will cover you. He will use the difficult consequences from your authority's weakness to show you the things that need to change in your own life. In time, you will see the fruit of your right response—you will have developed strength, wisdom, and proven character.

Paul the apostle was in a situation where he had to respect a man because of his **position** even though he did not respect or trust the **man himself**.

➔ Read Acts 23:1-5.



God uses the weakness of authorities to expose the attitudes in your heart.

How to stay submitted with a right attitude

- Forgive the authority for the pain he/she have caused you or others. Present the pain to God to heal. This way you can resist the temptation to become offended.
- Try to communicate your perspective and how you feel directly to the authority. Don't just stuff your feelings. Satan can use them like a land mine and explode them later. Report your concerns without accusation or criticism.
- If the authority does not accept your input, graciously leave the issue there and entrust yourself to God. With God's grace and strength, do all you can to help him/her succeed. Be a team player. (See **How To Deliver a Correction** in the **Talking Christianly** section of this notebook.)

- Pray diligently for God to intervene in the life of the authority. Turn him/her over to God, not so that he/she does things your way, but so that he/she becomes all God intends for him/her to become. Have his/her best interests at heart. Stand by the authority and pray for him/her in his/her trials. Trust God to accomplish His purposes through, or in spite of, the authority. *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone -- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

- Learn to love your leader the way God does. Even if he/she has hurt or disappointed you, ask God to help you love him/her and desire God's best for him/her. Resist the temptation to withdraw your love and personal support. (Jesus speaking) *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35*

- Be loyal. Learning loyalty as a follower will qualify you as a leader. Your leader will be able to trust you.

Don't speak against or complain about the authority. When you are hurt, it is very tempting to speak angry or negative words about him/her. Here is what you will cause:

As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife. Proverbs 26:21 Speak your frustrations to God in prayer. Give a positive and truthful report when you speak of the authority to others.

Don't receive accusations against an authority. Satan uses them as wedges to divide and conquer. Be a stopper of gossip. Ask the speaker to go directly to the authority with their concerns and not to anyone else. (God speaking to Miriam and Aaron about Moses) *With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. **Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?**" The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam -- leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy;... Numbers 12:8-10 (emphasis mine)*

- God uses weaknesses in authorities, or their correction of you, to reveal planks in your eye, needed changes to which you are blind. Use the opportunity to take a long look at your own heart. Have you been overlooked, unappreciated, your requests for change unheeded? Forgive. Turn over to God the right to have things your way, even if your way is a better way. Ask God to purify your heart. Your life is in His hands and He uses authorities to mold your character. Yield and submit to authority as to God's hand. *Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8*



- Resist the temptation to leave the church or group because you have been hurt or offended, been corrected, don't agree with some practices, don't like the people, don't feel like attending, and so on.

A test of loyalty is to stay with leaders that are less than perfect. Satan will try to get you to become offended in order to uproot you from the place where God has planted you. If he can get you to leave, he has been successful. If you will not budge, even in the midst of great conflict, you will spoil his plans.

If you give in to the temptation to leave, especially if you leave because you are offended, you will very likely become a spiritual vagabond, always restless and easily offended by the new church or group.

The soil of an offended heart is barren, poisoned by bitterness. Therefore, the fruit of your life will be tainted by the soil of your heart --

**your love and goodness will tend to be conditional and selective,
joy and peace will be dependent on a lack of conflict,
you will lack patience, kindness, and gentleness with people who think differently
than you do,
you have shown that you lack self-control because you chose not to forgive, and you did
not remain faithful when times were difficult.**

(from Galatians 5:22-23 – the fruits of the spirit)

If you feel you **must** leave, communicate your intention and reasons respectfully and graciously, without criticism, to the leader alone. (Attitude is everything. Be sure you have forgiven and processed your pain or frustration with God first so you don't speak cuttingly.) Do not speak of your decision or reasons to others. Leave quietly. This prevents a possible split in the group or church. An exception to this might be in the case of overt heretical teaching or sin in the leader's life. Follow the principles in Matthew 18:15-17 and 1 Timothy 5:1-2, 17-20 and the procedures in your organization or ministry.



how to make an APPEAL FOR CHANGE

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Sometimes, those who are under authority can see things that those in authority do not see. This information needs to be effectively communicated so that the authority can make the right decisions. Sometimes, an authority wounds others or, if he/she is a Christian, is not living consistently with Scripture. A correction needs to be delivered with the right attitude for the benefit of the people as well as the one in authority. (See **Delivering a Correction** in the **Talking Christianly** section of this notebook.)

Appealing to a leader may not always bring about the needed changes. You must be prepared to graciously accept an undesired answer. Then, if necessary, be prepared to humbly yet boldly stand alone for what is right and possibly suffer for Christ's sake. *For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 1 Peter 2:19*

Requirements for an Effective Appeal

1. Are you in submission, cooperation, obedience, with a good attitude to any authority in your life? Do you exhibit an attitude of respect, loyalty, and gratefulness (not complaining)?
2. Are your motives right? Are you concerned for the best interests of the one in authority? Do you want to help the leader reach his/her goals? Do you want to help them fulfill their responsibilities more effectively? Do you want the leader to have a reputation of integrity? Do you want him/her to be able to give a good account to God for the way he/she has led, protected, and provided?
3. Is this the appropriate time to make this appeal? Is he/she tired or distracted? Does he/she have time right now to focus on what you want to say? *A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Proverbs 25:11*
4. Are you willing to work and serve in order to help facilitate the change or the request you are advocating?
5. Are you ready to accept whatever decision the authority makes? He/she should not feel that the decision is already made for him/her. You need to have already come to the place where you are ready to live with the consequences of a negative decision without resentment or complaint, relying on God's grace and help. This is letting go of, or dying to, the right to get what you want, even if it is beneficial.

6. Are you using the kinds of words that will guide your ideas around the leader's mental roadblocks? Are your words gracious, humble, free from resentment and anger, and not inflammatory? Use words like "These are my personal convictions" and avoid condemning the leader who may not hold the same convictions. Try very hard to view the situation from the authority's viewpoint and use appropriate words. (Gothard, p. 12)
7. Do you have all the facts to make your appeal accurate? Make sure you know as much as possible about the authority and his/her goals, needs, strengths, and weaknesses. Make sure you know all you can about the subject about which you are making an appeal for change.
8. Are you prepared to give a gracious response if your appeal is rejected **or** accepted (not gloating)?

1 Samuel 25:1-42 tells the story of Abigail, a wise woman who knew how to make an appeal to a powerful warrior, David. Read the story and find as many as you can of the eight aspects of an effective appeal.

If you are a humble follower of Christ, you will recognize that God sovereignly places authority figures in your life to guide you, bless you, and make you more like Him. Your response to authority figures exposes the attitudes lurking in your heart – attitudes of which you might not otherwise become aware.

If you want to change those attitudes, in my opinion, you would most benefit by finding an honest and kind mentor committed to righteous living. Say to him/her, "I want you to watch my life. If you see anything in me that is inconsistent with Scripture, I invite you to speak to me about it. I promise to listen and not to bite you, at least not very hard!"

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1 Peter 2:25	Jesus shepherd of our souls

➔ Rebellion

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Psalms 81:11-16	people didn't listen to God, turned them over to stubborn hearts
Psalms 106:43	bent on rebellion, wasted in sin
Proverbs 29:1	shun rebuke, destroyed
Isaiah 48:17-19	Lord teaches what is best, if paid attention, blessed
Titus 1:10, 16	rebellious, disobedient, unfit to do good
2 Peter 2:9-11 and Jude 1:8-9	those who despise authority punished on day of judgment

➔ Parents

Exodus 20:12	honor parents, will go well with you
Proverbs 6:20-22	keep parents' teaching
Proverbs 15:5	fool spurns parents' discipline
Proverbs 17:11	official sent against rebellious
Proverbs 23:22	listen to parents
Proverbs 30:17	eye that mocks father plucked out
Romans 1:29-31	God-haters, insolent, disobey parents
Ephesians 6:1-3	obey and honor parents

➔ Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-33	wives submit, respect, husbands love
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➔ Government

Romans 13:1-7	all authority established by God
Titus 3:1-2	be subject to rulers, be obedient, considerate, show humility
1 Peter 2:13-17	submit to every authority

➔ Employers

Ephesians 6:5-9

Colossians 3:22-4:1

1 Timothy 6:1-2

Titus 2:9-10

1 Peter 2:18-19

slaves obey masters

Slaves obey, reverence for the Lord, work with all heart, Masters be fair

slaves respect masters so God's name not slandered, serve believing masters

work with integrity so gospel attractive

slaves submit to harsh masters, bear unjust suffering

➔ Church leaders

Numbers 12:8-10

Psalms 92:12-13

Proverbs 26:21

Mark 10:42-45

John 13:34-35

Acts 23:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

1 Timothy 2:1-2

1 Timothy 3:1- 13

1 Timothy 5:17-20

Titus 1:6-9

Hebrews 13:17

1 Peter 5:1-6

Miriam speaks against Moses

planted tree flourishes

quarrelsome kindles strife

want to be great, be servant, Jesus came to serve

love one another, know My disciples by love

Paul repents of speaking against leader

respect those who are over you in Lord, love, live in peace

pray for authorities

qualities of overseers, deacons

elders honored, don't entertain accusation, if sin, rebuke publicly

qualities of elders

obey leaders so their work a joy

elders serve, don't lord it over, younger submit

➔ Other Scriptures

1 Samuel 18:5-16

1 Samuel 24:1-13

1 Samuel 25:1-42

Proverbs 25:11

Isaiah 64:8

Luke 7:1-10

Saul tries to kill David, example of being wronged by authority

David resists temptation to kill Saul, respects his position of authority

Abigail appeals to David

word aptly spoken like apples of gold

God is potter, we are clay

Centurion under authority and has authority, asks Jesus to heal servant