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TITLE: Authority in the Home

NOTE what Paul wrote to TIMOTHY about these last days:

2 Timothy 3

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

NOTE: These are sins against authority.

Blasphemers: against the authority of conviction
disobedient to parents: against the authority of their parents
trucebreakers: against the authority of agreements.
Traitors: against the authority of loyalty to family and community
lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: against the authority of God

William Barclay:

"This generation is against all authority, and the least use for the authority of the church. There is an almost total collapse of the standards in the very things for which discipline used to be imposed."

ROMANS 13

1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: ...

Contemporary English Version

1 Obey the rulers who have authority over you. Only God can give authority to anyone, and he puts these rulers in their places of power.
2 People who oppose the authorities are opposing what God has

done, and they will be punished.

Two principles exist in the universe:

1. the principle of God's authority
2. and the principle of satanic rebellion to that authority

Attitude toward authority today....

I don't have to pay much attention to it.

I don't really have to respond to it.

I sure don't have to respect it.

Here is the lie of satan: You rule your own life and need not listen to anyone.

EXAMPLE: A MAN UNDER AUTHORITY

When the centurion came to Jesus for him to heal his servant.... he told Jesus it wasn't necessary for Jesus to come to his house. Just speak the word and he would be healed.

The centurion said that because he understood authority.

Matthew 8

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me:

Above the centurion was the senior centurion;

Above the senior centurion, the sixty centurions of the Roman legion;

Above the sixty centurions were the six tribunes.

Above the six tribunes, the two consuls;

And above the two consuls, the Emperor himself.

It was because he stood-although the last and the lowest-in this long line of delegated authority that the Roman centurion was able to give orders and have them obeyed. He could give orders because he received orders. He had authority because he was under authority himself.

NOTE:

10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and saidI have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

His faith recognized the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The centurion was the only person whose faith caused Jesus to marvel.

The centurion's faith was rewarded: "And his servant was healed that same hour."

NOTE: If you want your FAITH to increase, and be rewarded....submit yourself to authority.

Illustration: Many of you have visited the dam on the **Niagra River**, or perhaps another river with a power generating plant. You see the water spilling over the top, frothing and foaming, and it is natural to think of the power produced by that water. But actually, it is the water deep within turbines and generators that transforms the power of tons and tons of water to electricity--quietly, without notice, not like the flashy froth on top. The power of GOD is not in the FLASH, FROTH, and FOAM.....our power comes from deep within....submitting to the SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.

There are several areas given in Scripture where God asks us to submit to authority he has placed over us.

God-ordained authorities:

GOD: the head of Christ is God

The WORD of God

Church leadership: Pastor, 5 Fold Ministry, Elders: Hebrews 13:17

Parents: Ephesians 6

Husband: 1 Peter 3:1, Colossians 3:18, Ephesians 5:22

Government, Civil authorities: Romans 13, 1 Peter 2:17

Employer: Ephesians 6, 1 Peter 2:18

We are commanded to submit to those in authority over us.

Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

GOVERNOR Herter

When Christian Archibald Herter, Governor of Massachusetts (1953-1957), was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (and no lunch) he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was famished.

As Herter moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line.

"Excuse me," Governor Herter said, "do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?"

"Sorry," the woman told him. "I'm supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person."

"But I'm starved," the governor said.

"Sorry," the woman said again. "Only one to a customer."

Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around.

"Do you know who I am?" he said. "I am the governor of this state."

"Do you know who I am?" the woman said. "I'm the lady in charge of the chicken. Move along, mister."

Speak with the authority you are given by God.

Many people do not respect their authority. By definition, authority is the power or right to enforce obedience; this power has been delegated to one who is in a position of authority or who has a message of authority.

We are commanded to Honor Authority

THE AUTHORITY of the CHURCH:

It is MOST IMPORTANT to teach your children to respect the AUTHORITY of:

- The WORD of GOD
- The Pastor of the CHURCH
- The LEADERSHIP of the CHURCH
- The TEACHINGS of the CHURCH

If you talk about the pastor or the church, even when you think he's wrong, in front of your kids, don't expect them to follow him when they are grown.

SOME say in front of their kids.....

"I love my pastor. And, kids we love the pastor.

And he preaches to us and loves us and we have a great church....
but I really don't believe it just like the Pastor."

Because when your daughter gets in trouble or your son makes a bad mistake...and you want to bring them to the pastor...you've just destroyed the Pastor's authority to deal with them.

At that point it is too late to tell them to listen to what the Pastor said.

IMPORTANT:

If you can't trust the ministry with your money and your family, you need to change churches and find you a church with leadership you can trust.

CONSEQUENCES

NOTE:

Unless you honor authority in your life, your children will not honor authority. Yours or anyone elses.

GALATIANS 6

7 ... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

ABSOLUTELY imperative to teach children that they must submit to authority.

So many battles and difficulties that we face in life begin with nothing more than rebellion against the authority... that God has placed over us because we don't like or agree with that person in the position of authority or the structure of authority.

Sometimes people in authority fail to submit to anyone who may be in authority over them....

These same people have found their lives shipwrecked and their ministries ruined because they refused to recognize the fact that they, too, must submit to authority in their lives.

They may never realize that their failure to submit to authority has led to their downfall and destined them continue downward until that lesson is learned and repentance comes.

No one is above God's laws of authority. God has placed within our lives those who are in authority over us for His purpose. No matter how bad it may seem for the moment there is no authority unless God has foreordained it.

WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP.

AUTHORITY in the HOME

PARENTS are commanded to exercise AUTHORITY in the HOME.

God has given us a responsibility as parents.
Fight every spirit that comes against our homes.

Biblical Parent

1. Educate

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

This represents the four major learning styles:

1. teach your children.....auditory
2. when you walk..... kinesthetic or by movement
3. for a sign.....visual
4. write them..... tactual or by writing

When do you start?

If you haven't started yet, you start tonight when you get home.

Thomas Paine: I became an atheist in the first five years of my life.

Mormons: begin teaching missions to their children when the mother learns she is pregnant.

Jews: begin telling their children when born.