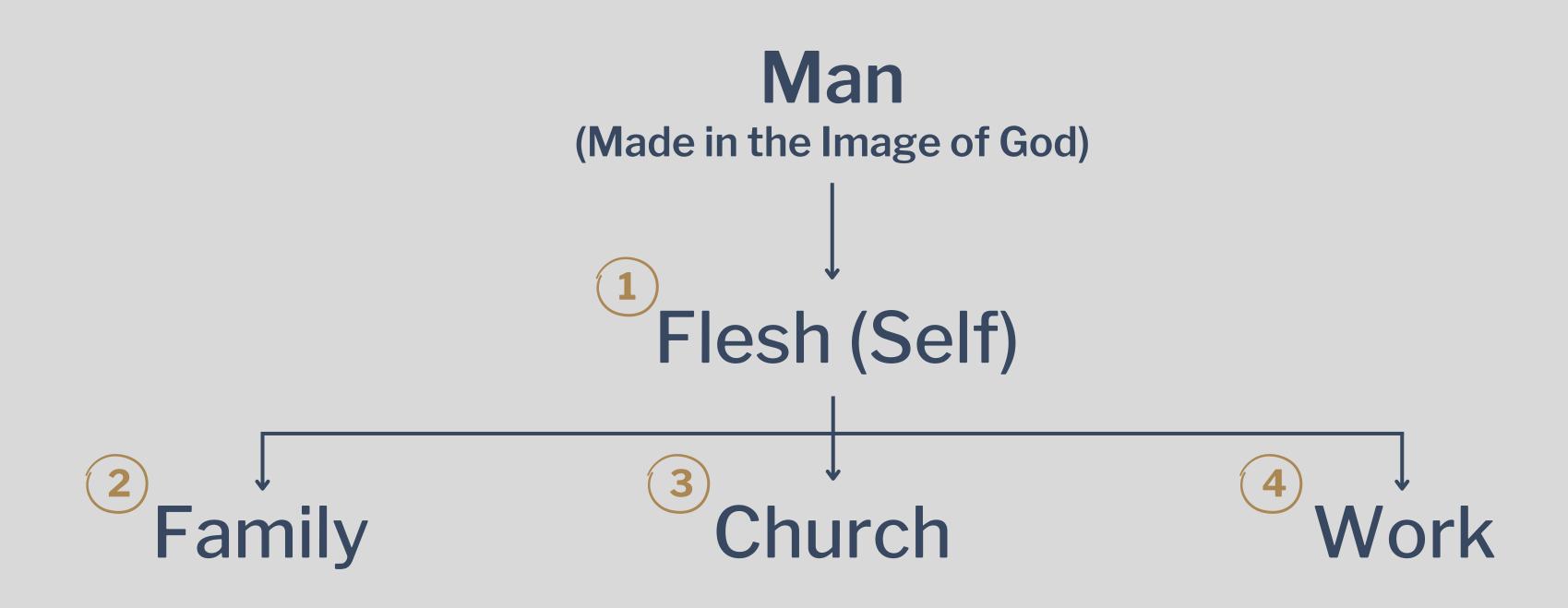
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Kingdom Authority:

"Kingdom authority is the *right* and *responsibility* to act and rule under the king, on behalf of the king, and for the king." (p.104)

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What is the opposite of acting in authority?

BEING PASSIVE



The greatest assault on our lives and the lives of those around us is the subtle and silent spiritual assault of Satan. Many men, who would never stand back and watch their wife or child be physically assaulted, will stand by while they are being spiritually assaulted.

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"So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."

Genesis 3:6

Passivity Case Study #1:

You have a problem with anger. You know it. Your family knows it. You know you need help. But you keep it a secret, and the anger continues to grow.

Passivity Case Study #2:

You are struggling with pornography. You resist community and Christian friendship. Instead, you begin to isolate yourself. You fail to confess your sins, and refuse accountability. You hide from God, and others.

Passivity Case Study #3:

You have an argument with your wife. It does not end well. Anger and resentment begin to well up inside of you. You know you need to talk it out, but you choose to do the easy thing—nothing.

Passivity Case Study #4:

You know there are ethical issues in your company, but ignoring them will lead to fewer problems. So, you look the other way.

Passivity Case Study #5:

You hear one of your children talk back to your wife. Your wife tries to get him to obey, but he ignores her. You just got home from work, you're tired, and you don't want to deal with it. So, you don't.

Passivity Case Study #6:

Your daughter pushes back when you tell her that what she is wearing is immodest. You know she shouldn't wear it, but you can't stand seeing her disappointed, so you give in.

Passivity Case Study #7:

Your teenage children don't feel like going to church. Or, they want to invest time in good things that take them away from church involvement. So, you let them make their own decisions.

Passivity Case Study #8:

There is gossip in the church that you know is wrong. You hear it—you're even on the receiving end of it—but you don't confront it. You decide to act like you don't know anything about it, or shrug it off like it's no big deal.



The reason we are often hesitant to talk about walking in authority is that we have seen so many abuses of authority. To walk under authority means to walk in complete submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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I glorified you on earth, having accomplished *the work that* you gave me to do.

JESUS | JOHN 17:4



And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

JESUS | MATTHEW 28:18-20



Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority.

Let no one disregard you.

TITUS 2:15

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