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AUTHORITY. :1-2

*How do your choices and attitudes need to change regarding authority?*

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*Are you currently breaking the law and need to stop?*

GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT IS \_\_\_\_\_ OF  
THEIR ROLE IN SOCIETY. :5-7

*Does anything need to change about how you treat those in authority?*

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PAINFULLY, SUBMITTING TO EARTHLY RULE AND AUTHORITY.

IT IS ACTUALLY GOOD FOR PEOPLE TO BE UNDER AUTHORITY AND FOR THAT AUTHORITY  
TO HAVE THE POWER TO PUNISH WRONGDOING. THAT POWER HELPS RESTRAIN  
OUR EVIL IMPULSES AND PUNISHES A LACK OF RESTRAINT. THIS IS A GIFT OF GOD  
TO AND FOR US AND SHOULD BE APPRECIATED.

WE ARE CALLED TO GO BEYOND JUST SUBMISSION TO THE LAW BUT ALSO TO GIVE THEM  
THEIR DUE, RESPECTING AND HONORING THOSE IN CERTAIN POSITIONS REGARDLESS  
OF WHETHER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUAL IN THAT POSITION DESERVES SUCH A  
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