

**Walking in His Authority**  
**Authority With Responsibility**  
**Discover Church**  
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Authority is **not** control. It is delegated power from God to **advance** His Kingdom, **protect** what He's entrusted to us, and **reflect** His character.

Authority begins at **home**

*“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” Ephesians 5:21-33*

Part 1: **Marriage**

*“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21*

The idea of **mutual submission**.

Authority in the home is not about **domination**, it is about **mutual sacrifice**

1. The Husband's **Headship**

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Headship = **responsibility** before God.

- Sacrificially
- Patiently
- Compassionately
- Protective
- Caring
- Love

Leadership is not **louder** it's **lower**

## 2. The Wife's **Role**

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Ephesians 5:22-24

Authority is not a license to be **harsh**, **passive-aggressive**, or **controlling**.

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## Part 2: **Parenting**

### 1. Take time to disciple your children **intentionally**.

*“that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.”* Deuteronomy 6:2

*“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”* Deuteronomy 6:4-5

*“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”* Deuteronomy 6:7-9

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”* Proverbs 22:6

### 2. Parents Have **Spiritual Authority**

### 3. Authority without **love** produces **rebellion**

*“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”* Ephesians 6:4

***I can make you more than you are, I just can't make you something you're not.***

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- The idea of \_\_\_\_\_
- Authority in the home is not about \_\_\_\_\_, it is about \_\_\_\_\_

1. The Husband's \_\_\_\_\_

- Headship = \_\_\_\_\_ before God.
- Leadership is not \_\_\_\_\_ it's \_\_\_\_\_

2. The Wife's \_\_\_\_\_

- Authority is not a license to be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_

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Scripture: *Ephesians 5:21-33; Deuteronomy 6:2-9; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4*