



Authority: Leading and Following

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1. Authority: the _____ to govern: to...
 - Set direction, boundaries, rules, and policies
 - Direct (and correct) others in moving forward
2. _____ authority belongs to God; He...
 - Rules all persons & things *1 Chronicles 29:11-12*
 - Supersedes all other authorities *Acts 4:19*
 - Has established positions of authority in human life *Romans 13:1-3*
3. An Authority + Subordinates = Basic _____
(See back of handout)
4. Each person in authority (_____) gets...
 - A jurisdiction—an arena to lead/rule
 - The right to govern within it
 - Accountability to God *Romans 13:4; James 5:4; Ezekiel 34:10*
 - A continuing temptation: selfishness
 - The results of His rule *Proverbs 20:28; 28:16; Ephesians 5:28*
5. Each person under authority (_____) gets...
 - 5 basic responsibilities to leaders
 - o Submit—yield to their will; cooperate *Romans 13:1; Colossians 3:18, 20, 22; Hebrews 13:17*
 - o Respect them in the way you speak, act *Romans 13:7; Ephesians 5:33, 6:1-2; 1 Timothy 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13*
 - o Obey with a good will (as to Christ) *1 Peter 5:5-6; Proverbs 10:8; Colossians 3:20, 22; Hebrews 13:17*

- o Support *Romans 13:6-7; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14; Titus 2:4*
 - o Pray for them *1 Timothy 2:1-3*
 - Accountability to God *Romans 13:2; Col 3:25*
 - A continuing temptation: rebellion
 - The results of his following *Proverbs 14:35, 31:10-12, 38-39; Matthew 25:23, 30; Hebrews 13:17; Proverbs 22:5*
6. The _____ guideline for both leaders and followers: use your position to serve the best interests of...
 - God *Romans 13:1, 4; Colossians 3:23-24*
 - Those over you *Luke 19:6-7*
 - Your followers (in line with mission) *Romans 13:4; Matthew 20:25-58; Ephesians 5:25-28*
 7. Problems in following:
 - Misunderstanding
 - o How God directs: from above *Proverbs 21:1*
 - o How God protects: the umbrella
 - Being a pain to the leaders *Proverbs 24:21-22; 21:19; Hebrews 13:17*
 8. Problems in leading:
 - Failure to keep earning respect *1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7*
 - Poor decisions (erode trust)
 - Failing to prosper your people *Ecclesiastes 5:9; Ephesians 5:28-29*

Institution	Composition	Responsibilities	Verses
Home	Husband/wife Parents/children	Be companions in doing God's will & raise godly kids	Mal 2:14-15; Eph 5:21-6:4; Col 3:18-21; 1 Peter 3:1, 5-7
Church	Local body, Leaders/followers	Love & honor God & make devoted followers of Christ	Matt:22:37-38, 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:1
State	Officials, laws, citizens	Do its citizens good, esp. by maintaining justice & order	Romans 13:3-4
Business	Owners, contract, supervisors, employees	Legally and morally produce profit for owners	Deut 25:15-16; Pro 31:18; Matt 25:27; Jas 5:4
Others	Charter, leaders, participants	Legally & morally fulfill the purpose of the institution	1 Pet 2:18
School	Administration, teachers, students	Educate students within parental authority	Deut 6:6-10; Eph 6:4