

**Making application from the Message:**

5) How would you identify someone with good authority?

***State of the Church***

***2 Timothy 3:16-17***

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Why did God establish authority?

- 1) **God established authority in the Godhead Eph. 3:8-16**
- 2) **God established authority with man Gen. 2:15-17**
- 3) **God established authority in the church 1 Pet. 5:1-5**

*God's authority gives you maximum freedom from disaster!*

6) How can/should you learn to handle authority in a godly way?

2 Tim. 3:1-7

**Where does the authority come from to determine authority?**

**4) God established authority in His \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Tim. 3:16-17**

- 2 Tim. 3:14-17
- 2 Tim. 3:8-9

7) How would you disciple a person to learn how to handle authority well?

- People have rejected God and therefore His Word Rom. 1:18-21
  - Rom. 3:11 - no one seeks after God
  - Rom. 10:17 - man refuses to hear
  - 2 Pet. 3:3-6 - man willfully rejects
- What is the result of people rejecting God's Word?
  - Ps. 11:3

- How does the downward spiral away from God's Word continue?  
2 Thes. 2:15

- God's Word must be communicated to the culture.

2 Tim. 3:7

5) God established authority in \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 5:22-28

6) God established authority in the \_\_\_\_\_ Eph. 6:1-4

7) God established authority in the \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 13:1-7

***God's authoritative Word gives you freedom  
for living out the Joy of His presence!***

- Authority gives us tremendous freedom in God's will.
- Abusive authority will always exist until we get to heaven.
- Discernment for submission is important, Jesus is the issue. Heb. 12:2.

**Message Based Discussion Questions**

1) What actions of those in authority do you appreciate the most?

**Digging Deeper:**

2) If mankind has a sin nature, is it possible for there to be a good authority in the human race? \_\_\_\_\_ How is it possible? What kinds of Biblical principles must be true?

3) Who are some of those in authority in the state and country?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Read Romans 13: 1-7. How do they have authority and for what is that authority to be used?

4) Read Revelation 13:1-12. To whom is given authority?  
\_\_\_\_\_ How does he use that authority? Has that kind of authority been seen in life? How? When?