

THE AUTHORITY BIBLE STUDY

1. According to Romans 13:1 who establishes all authority? _____.
Then who does all authority belong to? _____.
How are we to relate to the governing authorities? _____.
2. According to Romans 13:2 who are we rebelling against if we rebel against authority here on earth? _____.
What are the consequences for rebelling against authority? _____
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3. According to Romans 13:4 what is the role of people in authority? _____

What should people in authority do to those who do wrong? _____

What does it mean for the one in authority to “bear the sword”? _____
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4. According to Romans 13:6 why do we need to pay taxes? _____
_____.
5. According to Romans 13:7 does God want us to pay taxes or not? _____.
6. Sometimes it is appropriate not to obey those in authority. Acts 4:18-20 tells about a time when the religious leaders told Peter and John not to speak about Jesus anymore. Why was it alright for Peter and John to continue to speak about Jesus? _____
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7. According to Ephesians 5:22-23 who is the highest authority in the family? _____
_____.
8. According to Ephesians 5:25-30 what are some of the responsibilities of the husband toward his wife since he is in this position of authority? _____

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9. According to Ephesians 6:1-2 who is in authority over children? _____.
10. According to Ephesians 6:4 what is the responsibility of the father (and mother) toward the children? _____.

11. Look at Ephesians 6:5-9 and instead of using the terms “slave” and “master”, use the terms “employee” and “employer”. Employee and employer is a more accurate understanding of this relationship today than thinking of a slave and master. What is the role of the employee toward the employer according to these verses? _____
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- _. What is the role of the employer toward the employee in these same verses? _____
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12. According to 1Peter 2:13-17 what are some ways that people should relate to those in authority in the civil government? _____
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- Do you think this includes police and district attorneys and Judges (verse 14)? _____
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13. According to Hebrews 13:17 how should people relate to those who are in authority in the church? _____
- Why is it especially important to relate in a right way to those who are in authority in the church? What is their responsibility toward you? _____
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- Have you ever made it difficult for a church leader to lead you properly? _____
- How do you think God views it when you disobey a church leader? _____
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14. According to 1Timothy 5:17 who is to govern the affairs of the church (usually a pastor is also an Elder in the church)? _____
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15. According to 1Timothy 5:19 what should you do if someone is accusing a church Elder of something? _____
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16. What areas of authority have been mentioned in this Bible study and who is the person who is in authority in each of these realms? _____
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17. In your life have you treated those in authority with proper respect or have you chosen to rebel against authority? _____
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18. What would God have to say about the way that you have related to people in authority? _____
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19. According to Galatians 6:7 what will happen to you when you are in authority if you have rebelled against someone else who is in authority over you? _____

Does this motivate you to change any of your ways? _____