

**“How GOD Uses Authority to Shape Us”** Romans 13:1-7

GOD uses human authority (Government, Church, Family, Employment) to guide us, to protect us, and to shape us. They are \_\_\_\_\_ for our good.” **V.4**

**I. Thoughts from last week:**

1. Authority is \_\_\_\_\_ by GOD. **V.1**
2. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the authorities GOD has placed over you. **V.2**  
You will \_\_\_\_\_. We resist those in authority over us because:
  - A. We do not like people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. Authority usually brings \_\_\_\_\_ upon us.
3. Learn to obey for \_\_\_\_\_, as unto to the LORD, not because of their character. **V.5**
4. Learn to give \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. **V.7** You learn this by ...
5. Never \_\_\_\_\_. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ to authority when asked to do wrong. There may come a time when we choose to \_\_\_\_\_, rather than do wrong.

**II.** Our Father in Heaven uses \_\_\_\_\_ to mold us into the \_\_\_\_\_. HE will often use \_\_\_\_\_ tools to cut away the unrighteous \_\_\_\_\_ in us. These are all qualities we desperately need. HE is more concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_, than HE is the \_\_\_\_\_, or the \_\_\_\_\_. **HIS GOALS are to develop in us:**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. Eph. 6:2-3
  - A. Human Authority is GOD's \_\_\_\_\_, and HE works through Authority.
  - B. A reverent spirit means that we learn to show \_\_\_\_\_ to those over us.
  - C. If we never learn \_\_\_\_\_ respect, we will never \_\_\_\_\_ respect.
  - D. This must be taught in the \_\_\_\_\_, to adults and children.
  - E. There is never \_\_\_\_\_ to be disrespectful and irreverent.
  - F. Most of us will never learn these valuable character qualities unless we have \_\_\_\_\_ over us.

**The KEY:** is to separate the \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_. We give respect as unto to the LORD, not because a leader deserves it. Rom. 13:3, Acts 23:1-5

2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. – An unhappy Christian is a public rebuke to the LORD.  
A. A sad \_\_\_\_\_ tells everyone a woman's husband is a failure.  
B. Gratefulness \_\_\_\_\_ those in authority to do more for those under them.  
C. Gratefulness is \_\_\_\_\_ than natural beauty.

**The KEY:** is give all \_\_\_\_\_ up to GOD. Ps. 62:5, Luke 9:23-24,  
1 Thess. 5:18 When we give up our \_\_\_\_\_, (not our \_\_\_\_\_)  
GOD \_\_\_\_\_ for our everything, and we receive them as a  
\_\_\_\_\_. Phil. 4:19 This produces \_\_\_\_\_.

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. GOD's way to greatness is through \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mark 10:44-45  
A. GOD will always \_\_\_\_\_ a servant's heart. Those who have it \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the corporate world because it is so hard to find people like this.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_, the captain of Pharaoh's troops, observed Joseph in prison in  
Egypt. He saw that \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph touched, GOD blessed. Genesis 39:2-3

**The KEY:** Get excited about making those above you ... \_\_\_\_\_.

4. A \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit. This is an \_\_\_\_\_ that GOD will  
work out this situation for \_\_\_\_\_, no matter how difficult the  
outward circumstances are. Romans 8:28, 2 Tim. 1:7  
A. The Devil wants us to give in to \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Peter 5:8  
B. But GOD wants us to \_\_\_\_\_, have peace, and \_\_\_\_\_,  
because we have placed our cares in HIS Hands. 1 Peter 5:7

**The KEY:** Defining our \_\_\_\_\_ and seeing value even in failure.

