

CHRISTIAN GROWTH COURSE - STUDY QUESTIONS ON RESPECTING AUTHORITY

1. Where does all authority ultimately come from? Romans 13:1.
  
2. Name seven authorities on earth to whom God's people are to submit:  
  
Ephesians 6:1, 2.  
  
Ephesians 5:22.  
  
Proverbs 5:13.  
  
1 Peter 5:5a.  
  
Hebrews 13:17; 1 Timothy 5:17.  
  
Ephesians 6:5.  
  
Romans 13:1.
  
3. What ultimate authority must we always submit to? Matthew 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6.
  
4. When we resist an authority on earth appointed by God, we really resist . Romans 13:2.
  
5. Where an earthly authority conflicts with God's authority, what are we to do? Acts 4:19; 5:29; Daniel 6:12-16.
  
6. What are all Christians to do toward one another, and why? 1 Peter 5:5b; Ephesians 5:21.
  
7. Do we obey an earthly authority because he is always right, or because of the principle of respect for authority? 1 Peter 2:18.
  
8. What can God do if those in authority over me need to be corrected? Proverbs 21:1.
  
9. In the light of this, what should we do in such situations?
  
10. God cannot help those who are , but he gives grace

- to those who are . James 4:6.
11. Where does submission have to start? 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; compare Romans 6:17.
  12. In order to have authority, we must be under . Luke 7:8.
  13. To what sins does God compare rebellion? 1 Samuel 15:23.
  14. Satan fell because he wanted to instead of submitting to God. Isaiah 14:12-14.
  15. Adam and Eve fell because they wanted to be like instead of submitting to God as his creatures. Genesis 3:4-6.
  16. What do we cause to happen when we refuse to submit to the authority that is over us? 1 Timothy 6:1.
  17. What is always the ultimate result of continued rebellion? Proverbs 29:1.
  18. What blessing always comes from proper submission? Deuteronomy 5:29.
  19. Briefly, how can submission to the following authorities allow God to bless us?
    - Parents
    - Husband
    - Older people
    - Teachers
    - Church leaders
    - Employers
    - Government officers
  20. If I do not believe something is God's will for me, it is

- for me to do it. Romans 14:23.
21. God's word says it is good for a young man to bear the  
. Lamentations 3:27.
  22. What attitude is beautiful to God in a woman? 1 Peter 3:3-6.
  23. We must change and become like \_\_\_\_\_ in order to enter  
the Kingdom of God. Matthew 18:3, 4.
  24. What was Jesus' attitude toward God's authority over him? John 5:30;  
Luke 22:41, 42.
  25. Name some who were punished for rebellion or disrespect for authority:  
  
Numbers 16:1-35  
  
1 Samuel 15:10-23  
  
2 Kings 2:23, 24
  26. What was Jesus' attitude toward his parents, and what was the result?  
Luke 2:51, 52.
  27. Can one be very religious and still be really unsubmitted to God?  
Matthew 15:8, 9; Matthew 7:21.
  28. What is the sacrifice of worship God accepts? Psalm 51:16, 17.
  29. If we want to submit, what will God give us instead of a hard heart of  
stone? Ezekiel 11:19, 20.
  30. Like Jesus, we can learn obedience through \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Hebrews 5:8; compare Daniel 6:12-16; Acts 4:17-21.
  31. Thought Question: Is godly submission the same as slavery? Can one who  
is truly submitted still express himself?