

Leading and Following in the Church, pt 3

Authority and Accountability

The Necessity of Authority

In the life of Jesus

Mark 1:22, 27

Luke 9:1

Matthew 28:18

Paul's Defenses

Why do or don't you accept spiritual leadership from a person?

The Nature of Spiritual Authority

God gives it. The people of God _____ and authenticate it.

Jesus

Moses

Paul

Spiritual Authority is not the same as _____ leadership.

Unscrupulous people will try to counterfeit or seize spiritual authority for _____ benefit.

Acts 8:9-24

God _____ the authority of those He places in authority.

Exodus 17:1-7

Numbers 12:1-15

Everyone will _____ sometimes in the exercise of spiritual authority.

Numbers 20:8-13

Leaders who have trouble _____ to authority will usually have trouble exercising spiritual authority.

People who are under God's authority look for and recognize spiritual authority and _____ place themselves under it.

How do we live and serve with the proper expression of authority?

1. Avoid the use of authoritarian _____.
2. Continually cultivate _____ and dependence upon God.
3. Exercise _____ and restraint, even amid disagreement or conflict.
4. Lead from _____ truth or principle, not position and power.