

(1 Tim 6:15-16) "Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords..."

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the ONLY potentate.

Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus is the Chief Shepherd.

Jesus is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high...

All of this speak of Christ's authority over the affairs of mankind.

He is not merely a lord, He is The Lord of lords.

He is not merely a king, He is The King of kings.

HE IS THE ONLY POTENTATE.

He is the Supreme Sovereign God of the Universe.

YOU CAN'T GET HIM OUT OF YOUR MIND.

YOU CAN'T GET HIM OFF OF YOUR HAND.

YOU CAN'T OUTLIVE HIM AND YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM.

He's indescribable; He's incomprehensible.

He's invincible; He's irresistible!

Well, the Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they couldn't stop Him.

Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him.

> Herod couldn't kill Him.

> Death couldn't handle Him.

> And, the grave couldn't hold Him.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

He is "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending..."

"Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

Jesus is not just a ruler, He is the Ruler of all the universe.

> There is no comparison to Him.

> **THERE IS NO SECOND.**

> **HE IS THE FIRST AND THE LAST.**

He has created all things, and for [His] pleasure they are and were created.

Jesus Christ is God incarnate.

*He is Immanuel, which being interpreted is
GOD WITH US.*

There is nothing to compare God to.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

He is God with full Sovereignty and Authority!

And, God has a lot to say about Authority.

*The Bible is full of references to both God's DIRECT Authority...
And God's DELEGATED Authority!*

God governs His affairs in Both DIRECT Authority and by His DELEGATED Authority!

It does not matter what we think about it or how we feel about it.

GOD HAS SET IT UP, AND WE MUST OBEY!

- > God could have done this ANYWAY He chose.
- > He could have designed it ANYWAY He wanted.

- > He didn't need our approval when He designed His plan of Authority
- > And, He doesn't need our approval to demand that we Obey it!

He is the ONLY POTENTATE, the King of kings and Lord of lords!

**He leads by DIRECT Authority which is the King James Version!
And by DELEGATED Authority, which is what I want to preach on now!**

God's Delegated Authority

I. The Husband is God's Delegated Authority in the home.

A. Scriptural Premise (1 Cor 11:3; Eph. 5:22-24).

1. It does not matter what the world says.

- > It doesn't matter what ERA says.
- > It does not matter what your college professor says...

2. All that matters is what God says.

- > And, God says, "The head of the wife is the husband."

B. Can I TEACH you some sound doctrine (Titus 2:1-5).

1. Notice that the Apostle qualifies his statement in both verse 1 and 5...

- > In v.1 he says, this is "sound doctrine".
- > In v.5 he says, to disobey this is blasphemy against God's word

2. So what is so powerful of a statement that the Apostle must doubly qualify it?

- > That the young women are to be taught:
- > To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, OBEDIENT TO THEIR OWN HUSBANDS...

3. This is sound doctrine, and to disobey this principle is to blasphemate the word of God.

- > God is serious about His Delegated Authority!

C. God says, "The husband is the head of the wife..."

1. Whether SHE thinks so or not.

- > God did not consult you when He established the home.
- > God will NEVER bless the home that is out of His order.

2. God says, "the husband is the head" whether HE thinks so or not.

- > Some husbands don't have the backbone to be head.
- > Lazy, self-seeking, pansies, want their wives to carry the whole weight of the home.

3. No wonder there is confusion in the home:

- > With a pansy daddy, and a bossy momma, your children have an identity crisis.

THE HUSBAND IS GOD'S DELEGATED AUTHORITY IN THE HOME.

II. Parents are God's Delegated Authority over the Children (Eph.6:1-3).

A. There arose a generation that knew not the Lord.

1. The vast majority of our nations murderers are under 20 years old.

- > The prison's are full of young criminals.

2. Parents have failed to teach them to respect their authority, and so....

- > Now they do not respect ANYONES Authority!

3. A child that refuses to obey his parents will grow up despising authority.

- > A child that will not respect his parents...
- > Will not respect he teachers!

- > He will grow up and not respect policeman...
- > Nor any other authority figure!

4. NOW LISTEN TO THIS...

- > The child that will not respect authority will not respect Himself!
- > Self-respect is learned by respecting others!

- > If he does not respect himself, he will not hold himself to a higher standard...
- > **AND WILL DESPISE ALL AUTHORITY!**

B. A child left to himself, bringeth his mother to shame!

1. God assesses the death penalty.

- > "That thy days may be long upon the earth..."
- > **Obey you parents and you will live a long life.**

2. But, this means if you DO NOT obey your parents...

- > You will not live a long life!

3. One of the STUPIDEST things I have ever heard about Child rearing is...

- > "I am going to let my children grow up and decide for themselves..."

- > Hey your 2 year old is out in the street...
- > "I'm trying to let him decide for himself if he wants to play in the street..."

- > Hey your kid is about to drink Clorox Bleach!
- > "I'm trying to let him decide for himself if he wants to drink Clorox..."

4. I would not let my child do those things...

- > But you will allow your child to make his own decision about his never dying soul?
- > **Spiritual danger is far more important than physical danger.**

The HUSBAND is God's Delegated Authority in the HOME.
PARENTS are God's delegated authority over the CHILDREN.

III. The Pastor is God's Delegated Authority in the church.

A. Scriptural premises.

1. (Acts 20:17; 26-28) The pastor is the overseer.

- > (1 Pet. 5:1-4) "Take the oversight!

2. (Heb. 13:7 - Remember him...)

- > **Obey him...** (Heb. 13:17)
- > Salute them... (Heb. 13:24).

- > **They key words are "THAT HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU!"**
- > THIS IS WHAT GOD ORDAINED.
- > **THIS IS GOD'S PLAN!**

B. This is God's Designed way; This is how God ordained it.

1. God has always led His work through a man.

- > God doesn't need us. He could do everything in His plan without us...
- > **But, by His own determined counsel, God CHOSE to do things this way!**
- > He chose this way, and we must obey God's Delegated Authority!
- 2. God sanctifies, protects, and establishes the man He calls.**
 - > "Touch not mine annointed, and do my prophets no harm..."
- 3. When Aaron and Miriam rose against Moses, God said to them...**
 - > "Why were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"
- 4. When king Jeroboam tried to arrest God's man for preaching against him...**
 - > God dried up the kings arm as he gave the order...
- 5. When Elisha was mocked of a bunch of children, he curse them, and...**
 - > God sent a bear out of the woods and killed 42 of them.
 - > You better teach your children to respect the man of god...
 - > God might send a bear after them!

This is God's design, and God will honor His design.
God will not bless those that get out of His delegated authority!

The pastor is God's delegated authority in the Church.
Parents are God's delegated authority over the children.
Husband is God's delegated authority over the home.

IV. What Happens When You Resist God's Delegated Authority (Rom. 13:1-5)!

A. You hurt your own authority.

- 1. God will not allow you to become a leader, if you will not submit to your leaders.**
 - > You may get the title of a leader, but it will be shallow.
 - > **You may demand the respect of a leader, but it will only be superficial.**
- 2. God breaks your command, when you break His chain of command.**
 - > God will not honor anyone's authority who will not honor His Delegated Authority!
- 3. You want your wife to obey you, you want your children to obey you...**
 - > **But, you do not submit yourself to the powers God put over you!**
 - > God will not let gain the dignity you will not give others!
 - > **You want others to respect you, and show you honor, but you do not respect others...**
 - > God will not let it happen.

You hurt your own authority!

B. You lose your own respect.

1. Of society.

> The world can spot a true leader and a phony.

2. Of your family.

> **No one knows better than your family if you are worthy to lead.**

3. Of the brethren.

> The people of God are looking for leaders.

> **God is looking for men & women to lead.**

> But, true leadership starts by following God's delegated authority.

You hurt your own authority!

You lose your own respect...

C. You will never grow ONE step further in your Christian life.

1. God will not bless rebellion.

> Are you having problems getting your children to follow you?

> **Maybe its because you won't submit!**

2. There will be no growth, until you get it right.

> God will not send revival if there is rebellion in our church.

D. You go against God's DIRECT Authority!

1. When you do not respect God's delegated authority, you go against God's Direct Authority...

> **God told Samuel, "They have not rejected you, they have rejected me!"**

2. When the people murmured against Moses he said:

> "The LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against HIM: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD."

3. When you go against God's DELEGATED authority, you go against DIRECT authority.

> **He that resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God!**

This is God's Design.

There is no way you can prosper or be in God's will if you refuse God's design!