

Romans # 172

“God’s Governing Authorities”

*Romans 13:1-2*

Authority is the power to command, to judge or to act by a person(s) in whom responsibility is vested. Authority or authorities are those with legal power to make and enforce laws, policies and decisions.

*Under God’s establishment laws, authority is legal power delegated by God where certain persons have jurisdiction and responsibility for others.*

Spiritual freedom is the function of the believer while filled with the Holy Spirit inside the plan of God.

Satan, as the ruler of this world, constantly seeks to do everything possible to overthrow the divinely-delegated authority that brings freedom and blessing to individuals and nations.

*The greater the authority over people, the greater the responsibility to the people and no matter how high we go in life, there is always higher authority that must be recognized.*

*We cannot have, use or enjoy freedom until we recognize the authority that enforces and provides freedom.*

*Hypotasso* emphasizes self-discipline, that we must have an understanding of God’s establishment laws and of our own free-will to live under its authority.

*What the Word of God cannot solve is not solvable!*

Even slaves in the Roman Empire were commanded not to revolt because Gospel doctrine provided the freedom necessary to live their lives in glorifying Jesus Christ.

Today many believers under foolish bureaucratic government are tempted to enter conspiracy against it because they’ve lost many freedoms in the name of common good but we’ve not lost our freedom to worship, take in the Word and gather to honor the Lord.

*We always respect the authority and the office, not the person or the personality involved.*

*Arrogance is rejection of every authority but your own and humility is respect for authority, even when we think the authority is unfair.*

We meet authorities at different points in life and we either become great or those who will never be happy, only miserable, neurotic, psychotic or will face a tragic end because of rejection of authority.

*God has set up every system of authority and while we might not like the authority, we must recognize His sovereign right to set it up.*

God must set up systems of authority in life or the human race would self-destruct.

Lack of respect becomes arrogance, which becomes instability and when anyone is a law unto himself, there is no way he can survive traumatic experiences in life and he’ll make his own misery as long as he lives.