

5. DANGER OF BEING A _____

PSALM 14:1

The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

6. OUR LIVES MUST _____ THE TRUTHS WE TEACH

7. HELPING _____ EVALUATE THEMSELVES

PROVERBS 9:7-9

⁷ He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. ⁸Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning.

8. _____ INTO THE ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS

A. Boundaries versus _____

B. Decision makers with _____

C. Christ is our supreme example of _____

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

CONCLUSION: _____



TODAY'S LESSON:
AUTHORITY IS GOD'S PLAN

INTRODUCTION: _____

1. HIERARCHY IN CREATION

A. God's relationship with humankind

PSALM 8:3-4

³ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; ⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

MATTHEW 4:45

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

B. The Angel's relationship with humankind

PSALM 8:5

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.



PSALM 91:11–12

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

C. Humankind's relationship to the earthly creation

PSALM 8:6–8

⁶ Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: ⁷ All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; ⁸ The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

2. HIERARCHY IN PEOPLE'S RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER

A. Authority in the workplace

COLOSSIANS 4:1

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

LEVITICUS 19:13

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

COLOSSIANS 3:22

Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God;

1 TIMOTHY 6:1–2

¹ Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. ² And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

B. Authority in the church

1 PETER 5:1–3

¹ The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that

shall be revealed: ² Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; ³ Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock.

HEBREWS 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

C. Authority in the state

1 PETER 2:13–14

¹³ Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴ Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

D. Authority in the home

EPHESIANS 6:1–3

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. ² Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; ³ That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

PSALM 119:44–45

⁴⁴ So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. ⁴⁵ And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

3. RICH REWARDS FOR OBEDIENCE PROMISED

A. Obedience

B. Honor

C. It will go well for you

D. You will enjoy long life

4. WHY THIS IS SO _____
