

Lesson #6 Understanding Authority 3: Being In Authority

1. In being the head of the home, what does the Bible say a husbands' main responsibility is? (Ephesians 5:25a)

2. How is that love manifested? (Ephesians 5:25b)

3. What spiritual responsibility does the husband have toward his wife with the Word? (Ephesians 5:26)

4. Following Jesus example of leadership, what two actions should a husband carry out toward his wife? (Ephesians 5:29)

5. How should husband live with his wife? (I Peter 3:7)

6. What is God's promise for this? (I Peter 3:7)

7. In being the authority over your children what should you *not* do? (Ephesians 6:4a)

“Provoke” means to irritate or discourage children by harsh yelling, nagging or deriding their efforts. Such provocations wound their spirits (Proverbs 18:14) and make them timid (they become discouraged)

“Harsh”: excessively severe; cruel or unfeeling

“Admonish” defined:

1. To reprove gently but earnestly.
2. To counsel (another) against something to be avoided; caution.
3. To remind of something forgotten or disregarded, as an obligation or a responsibility.

Proverbs 18:14 - “The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit”

8. What does provoking do to children? (Colossians 3:21)

9. What two approaches should we take in bringing them up? (Ephesians 6:4b)

10. How should we not treat those under our authority? (Ephesians 6:9)

What are Your Motives?

I. Proper Motives

A. Being a servant (Read John 13:1-17)

11. What example did Jesus set for those who are teachers and in authority? (John 13:12-16)

(Read Luke 22:23-27)

12. What should be the attitude of those who govern and lead? (Luke 22:27)

13. What was Jesus attitude in ministry? (Luke 22:27)

(Read Philippians 2:5-9)

14. What four things could describe Jesus approach to ministry?

- a. _____ (vs. 7a)
- b. _____ (vs. 7b)
- c. _____ (vs. 8b)
- d. _____ (vs. 8c)

B. Love

15. What should our motive be in ministry? (Philippians 1:15, 17; I Corinthians 16:14)

16. What does God not forget? (Hebrews 6:10)

II. Improper motives:

A. To be seen of men (Read Matt 23:5-14)

17. What were the motives of the religious leaders of Jesus day? (Matthew 23:5)

18. What happens to those who exalt themselves? (Matthew 23:12)

Important Questions:

- Q) Why do you sing in front of people?
- Q) Why do you want to preach or be a minister?
- Q) Do you always have to be complimented?
- Q) Do you have to be recognized?
- Q) Do you brag about yourself and feel the need to be recognized?
- Q) Do you put more emphasis on your title or on serving others?
- Q) Why do you fast?

**Some people seek recognition in
ministry rather than seeking to
minister to others**

B. Covetousness (1 Timothy 6:5-11)

19. What is the attitude of some people toward the ministry? (I Timothy 6:5)

C. Control and domination of people. (Read Matt 20:20-28)

20. What is the attitude of some in the world concerning the role of leadership? (Matthew 20:25)

21. What was Jesus response to this leadership model? (Matthew 20:26)

D. Envy/jealousy (Read Philippians 1:12-18)

22. What wrong motives do some minister in? (Philippians 1:15-16)

E. Competition and Self Seeking (Read James 3:13-18)

23. What is the by product of envy and self seeking? (James 3:16)
