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THE NEED TO RESPECT AUTHORITY

- A. There is a need for authority in religion. (Matthew 21:23-27)
 - 1. Human authority is insufficient. (Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; Matthew 15:9; 2 John 9-11)



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- 2. We need divine authority. (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11)
 - a. Illustrated by Old Testament example. (Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:2-5; Hebrews 11:4; Romans 10:17; Nadab and Abihu – Leviticus 10:1-2; Uzziah – 2 Chronicles 26:16-20; Exodus 30:1-10)
 - b. Also seen in the New Testament. (Matthew 7:21-27; Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 22:18-19; 2 John 9)



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B. A further discussion of the sources of authority in religion.

1. Improper sources. ([Matthew 21:23-27](#))

a. The Old Testament. ([Colossians 2:14-16](#); [Ephesians 2:14-16](#))

b. The preacher. ([2 Timothy 4:1-4](#))

c. Human creeds. ([Matthew 15:9](#); [Colossians 2:21-22](#))

d. The congregation's desires. ([Exodus 32:1-4, 21-24](#); [1 Samuel 8](#); [15:15, 24](#))



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B. A further discussion of the sources of authority in religion.

1. Improper sources. (**Matthew 21:23-27**)

e. The elders as law makers. (**1 Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:28**)

f. The idea that the ends justify the means. (**1 Chronicles 15:1-14; 2 Chronicles 26:16-20; Leviticus 10:1-2**)



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B. A further discussion of the sources of authority in religion.

1. Improper sources. ([Matthew 21:23-27](#))
2. Jesus Christ is our sole source for religious authority. ([Matthew 17:1-5](#); [Hebrews 1:1](#); [Matthew 28:18](#); [Colossians 3:17](#))
3. His authority is found in the New Testament scripture. ([Galatians 3:24-25](#); [John 16:13-15](#); [Acts 2:1-4](#); [Ephesians 3:3-5](#); [Jude 3](#))



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C. How to establish Bible authority.

1. Direct statement or command. (EX: Assembling – **Hebrews 10:25**; Faith in Christ – **John 3:16**; Singing – **Ephesians 5:19**)
2. Approved example – an action approved by one who was inspired. (EX: Lord's supper on the first day of the week – **Acts 20:7**; church caring for the needy – **Acts 4:34-35**)



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C. How to establish Bible authority.

3. Necessary inference – the only logical conclusion that can be drawn from the information given. (EX: Unleavened bread in the Lord's Supper – **Matthew 26:17, 26**; Lord's Supper each first day of the week – **Acts 20:7**)



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D. What is the source of obtaining authority for each of these? (**Acts 2:39, 42; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; Philipians 4:15; Hebrews 10:25**)

1. Having women as public preachers.
2. The church having a meeting place.
3. Giving upon the first day of the week.
4. The church supporting orphanages.



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5. The baptizing of infants.
 6. Baptizing for the remission of sins.
 7. The church supporting preachers.
 8. Instrumental music in worship.
 9. The offering of prayers.

