

A feeling or understanding that someone or something is important, serious, etc... and should be treated in an appropriate way.

(Merriam Webster)

"Authority"

1) Physical Hierarchy

A.Colossians 3:18-22

- 1) Everyone must obey whom is their master v.22
- 2) Children must obey their parents v. 20
- 3) Wives must obey their husband v. 18
- 4) Husbands must rule over their household with love v. 19 & 21

Are You Respecting Your God Given Physical Hierarchy?

2) Spiritual Hierarchy

A.Ephesians 4:4-6 / 1 Corinthians 11:3

1) God the Father is "above all" v.6

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:3

2) Spiritual Hierarchy

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- 2) God is "the head of Christ" v. 3

God -> Christ -> Man -> Woman

- B. Inside The Church (Eph. 5:22-24)
 - 1) The church is "subject to Christ" v. 24

Christ -> Man -> Woman

2) Spiritual Hierarchy

C. Under Christ... But Over You

- 1) Elders, Shepherds, Pastors, Bishops, Overseers
 - Misconception of Role (Eph. 4:11)
- 2) What is their role? (Acts 20:28-31)
 - "take heed" v. 28
 - "to shepherd" v. 28

2) Spiritual Hierarchy

- 3) How Can We Respect Them?
 - Appreciate Them (1 Thess. 5:12-13)
 - Communicate With Them (James 5:13-16)
 - Obey Them (Hebrews 13:17)
 - Follow Them (Heb. 13:7; Acts 20:28)

Christ -> Elders -> Men -> Women-> Children