

Bumper stickers reveal a lot about individuals and cultures. How about this one from a few years ago, “Resist Authority”? Sadly, today’s version has become “Defund the police.” Authority can be a touchy subject these days, whether the discussion is about government, civil society, family, church, or the workplace. Our response to authority shapes relationships and dramatically impacts them in many ways.

Fundamental to our relationship to God as those who “fear the Lord...walk in all His ways...serve Him, and love Him” is a commitment to live all of life under God’s authority (Deuteronomy 10:12-13). God is perfectly clear on the subject, **“Obey me and I will be your God.”** (Jeremiah 7:22-23)

God’s authority

Authority within the family

Human authority

Civil authority

The authority of God’s Holy Word

The authority of the local church

